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First Christian Church

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eason of Epiphany Begins

nuary 6 marks the beginning of Epiphany. ne season begins with the Wise Men coming worship the newborn King and ends with ne worship experience on the mount of ransfiguration. When people see Jesus as od's Son, they instinctively fall down to orship him as Lord.

he name "Epiphany" means Vanifestation." The light manifests itself the darkness. God is revealed through esus, and the glory of God is seen in Jesus.

Al-Church Birthday Dinner Sunday, January 17, 12:00 noon

ou are invited to attend the All-Church birthday Dinner. Meat, rolls, drinks, and irthday cake will be provided. Please ring the following according to the first nitial of your last name: A-l--vegetables; -Q--desserts (no cake); R-Z--salads. ou may sign up by filling out the eservation card in this Sunday's bulletin and placing it in the Offering tray or by alling the church office at 744-3239. You vill sit with other folks who celebrate their irthday the same month as you.

Epiphany is a season of light, the light that shines and reveals. The symbol is the Epiphany Star. The light burns so that all may see truth and the way to God.

Ephiphany is the time for emphasis on evangelism, the spreading of the light of Christ in a dark world. Christ is the light and Christians need to reflect that light in the world. We are light-bearers.



"Don't hide your light"

Active Parenting Class

Parents will meet Sunday evening, January 10, from 6-7:30 pm, for the first meeting of the Active Parenting class. Over a dozen families will participate. Babysitting will be provided for children under five, and older children may attend Creative Arts (1st-5th grades) or our Youth program. We'll meet in the Board Room. There is still time to register by calling the church office.

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday I spoke about the spiritual destiny that God has for each person and for our church. It is important to look back over the past year and reflect on our own spiritual growth and to consider what are the goals for our own relationship with God, our spouse, and our families for the next year. It is important as a congregation to reflect over the past year as well and to set goals for the upcoming year that we might strive for in the Lord's ministry.

In February of 1992 we made a three-year mission statement with three areas of emphasis that would set the direction for our church. I was very excited about the direction in which we decided to move, with Evangelism being our emphasis for the 1992-93 program year. 1993-94 would have Education as our emphasis, and 1994-95 would have Mission as the final component of this mission statement.

In 1992 we had 34 new members join the church. This was a good beginning to our evangelism efforts. Over 120 children and adults—a number of them from the neighborhood—were involved in Vacation Bible School last summer. A new prayer group was started and our D. M. A. (Don't Mention Age) became re-activated. The Youth group sponsored a wild talent show and had a great response in the turn-out.

Worship attendance is up from 1991, and our choir sounds better than ever under the direction of our new choir director John Kratzat.

I would say 1992 has been a good year in the life of our church and I look forward to 1993 together.



P. S. Our goal for worship is to have 230 in worship services. When you're not there, we miss your presence. Try to be in church this Sunday.



Spiritual Participation	1-3-93	Average YTD
Worship Sunday School	180 54	207 84
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Jous and Concerns

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruby Kolkman in her death last week.

Our Sympathy is extended to Vee Parlette n the death of her brother in Archbold, OH.

our prayers are with Andy Cook as he has outpatient procedures.

Congratulations to Tina and James Parker n the birth of their son, James Oliver Carker III, born January 3, 1993. Teresa nd Charlie Hatten are the proud randparents.

earl Heidecker is now living at Willow lidge.

Announcements

n January 23, from 9 am-4 pm, we will ave our Elders' Retreat. A new manual, Disciples Eldership: A Quest for Identity and Vinistry, by Peter Morgan, will be the esource for the day's workshop. Our hope; that all active elders will participate in his workshop and that new elders will go brough this training as well.

he 1993 Flower Chart is posted in the arthex. Please sign up to provide flowers.

ev. Jerry Zehr's P. R. C. meeting will be anuary 25 at 7:00 pm.

Food Bank

Good News and Bad News

The good news is that we served about twice as many clients in December than in other months. We also distributed about 45 Christmas meals.

The bad news is that there were twice as many clients in December than in other months. We had some regulars who are on SSI or AFDC, but the majority of our clients had lost their jobs recently or were working but unable to live on the minimum wage.

We now have some new volunteers, although we could still use a few more. But we do need you to keep helping us with food, personal items, or money.

This week we need: crackers, pork & beans, dry beans, cereal, cake mixes, jello, and personal items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Thanks for your help all year!

Pecans! Pecans! Pecans!

Please buy some pecans this Sunday. The cost is \$5.50 per pound. See Evelyn Yeoman or Rosemary Krull in Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, January 17, 7:00 pm Plymouth Congregational Church

Dr. Jeremiah Wright, senior pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Wright has been described as "one of our nation's greatest preachers."

Music will be provided by several choirs.

"We see men as lews or Gentiles, Catholics or Protestants, Chinese or Americans, Negroes or Whites. We fail to think of them as fellow human beings made from the same basic stuff as we, molded in the same divine image."

-- Nartin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday School Notes from Adult Classes

Glenn Miller is now the regular teacher for our Progressive Class, which meets in the Chapel. This class sponsored a family for Christmas.

The Harmony Class, which meets on the south end of Fellowship Hall, is planning a class party on January 9. Teaching time is shared.

The class that used to be named BOFFOWITS has changed its name to Faith Fellowship. They have identified themselves as an entry class for visitors and new members as well as other members. They see their "mission" as being hospitable to those who may be new to the church. This class also sponsored a family at Christmas. The Faith Fellowship class meets at the east end of Fellowship Hall. Each week the group discusses a current topic to which individuals relate the Bible and their faith.

Gospel Seekers is now taught by Rosie Krull as Eunice Conrad is spending much time caring for her mother. In the month of February the class will study Revelation. The guest teacher will be Diane Zehr.

Bill Franklin continues as teacher of the Come Double Class. This group meets in the library.

JOIN A CLASS ON SUNDAY MORNING!

lew Year's Resolution

ave you already made your resolutions for 193? Have you already broken them?

your list of resolutions includes ontributing more to the life of First pristian Church, I have a wonderful oportunity for you. The Carillon Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir need you! The ommitment is of your time and talent, he rewards will come to both you and to e people of our congregation.

e Carillon Bell Choir will start the new ear by growing to three octaves. We elieve that with the new anticipated embers, we will have just enough ringers. wever, there is still another octave of ells, so we will keep growing until they are covered.

e Chancel Choir has already gained veral new members. However, we also ed you! Regardless of your vocal range talent, there is a robe waiting for you. ease feel free to ask any of the members out the experience of singing and you will d that it is truly rewarding.

d finally, I appreciate the many mments you have shared with me about e music program. It is gratifying to know at the music does make a difference in ur worship experience. My new year's resolution is to continue to improve the quality, variety and size of the music program at First. And of course, to continue to encourage you to get involved.

Happy New Year!

John Kratzat



Lori and Estel Vandergriff 7906 Dorsett Drive, 46816

Pictorial Directories are Here!

Our *new* pictorial directory has finally arrived. Copies of the directory will be in the Narthex for you to pick up, or you may pick one up during the week at the church office. One directory per family, please.

Prayer

"Prayer becomes the active presence of God's Spirit guiding me through life."

--Henri Nouwen

The Way of the Heart

The prayer chain is in place and ready to lift your joys and concerns to God in prayer. To activate the prayer chain, call the church office (744-3239) between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On weekends call Judy Church at 447-5691

Outing for Young Adults

We will go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park on January 31. We plan to leave immediately after the second service, so come to church dressed for tobogganing. We will stop on the way for lunch!

Youth News

Friday, January 22—Lock—In from 7:00 pm 'til 8:00 am. Bring some munchies, a bottle of pop, and \$5.00 for midnight bowling!

This Sunday, January 10—Regular meeting at 6:00 pm. We'll plan the lock—in and Youth Sunday.

February 21 is Youth Sunday. Mark it down!

See the Creative Arts Hall of Fame

Be sure to take a stroll down the hallway between the Library and the Food Bank sometime soon. You'll enjoy seeing the life-size paper-drawn children from our Creative Arts program.

Thanks to Sue Oden and Ellen Duncan for their fine work with our children.

If your children have been missing Creative Arts, January is a good time to get back in the "Sing" of things.

Scouting Opportunities

First Christian Church, in recognizing a need to offer something to the future of this community, has decided to charter a Boy Scout Troop.

First and foremost, the Troop needs boys. Fellows, if you like adventure, you'll never find anything to match what is to come. Get a friend and give it a try. You'll never regret it.

Second, the Troop needs adults to give support and to lend time for reviewing the advancement of the boys. Parents, there is no better way to spend quality time with your boy.

> Earl Neeley, Scout Master, Troop 57 (744 - 0038)



January 14-20

ohn Roush (14) orette Orr (14) leff Young (15) like Mullen (15) delissa Chapin (15) Diane Zehr (15) Calvin Jones (17)

ack Williams (17)

Phyllis Brickley (18) David Alexander (19) Chip Olson (19) Jan Nunn (19) Chanel Patrick (19) Mark Snyder (20) Michael Stone (20)

"I Dream a World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America



Photographs by Brian Lanker

Opening January 2 through February 21, 1993

Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm. Sunday, Noon-5 pm (First Sunday of the month free)

Serving January 10 Elders B. Johnson, J. Weicker 8:15 am 10:45 am D. Vanderwall, D. Oden Diaconate & Greeters G. Brown, N. Knappenberger, K. 8:15 am Blocher, J. Young D. McEvoy, J. Franklin, J. 10:45 am Mounsey, E. Yeoman, D. Mey, R. Moll, Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker Ushers J. Ott. M. Hartman, M. 8:15 am Hutchinson C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, E. 10:45 am Nordblom, G. Miller **Homebound Communion** S. Oden--J. Arnold J. Ohneck--S. Brey R. Krull--K. Bushey D. Kreischer--L. Bushey Communion Preparation M. Hutchinson, J. Bushey, K. Bushey Coffee Hour Hosts Donna and Megan McEvoy Acolytes N. Duncan, C. Ewing

Extended Session Leader
K. Ohneck
Evangelism Callers
Feam IIJ. Truesdell & B. Smith
Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. J. Arnold 10:45 A.M. M. Orr

Church Calendar

Sunday. January 10
8:15 am First Worship
9:30 am Church School
10:45 am Second Worship
6:00 am Active Parenting Class
Creative Arts
CYF & Chi Rho

Tuesday, 12 January

11:30 am Rebecca Circle
7:30 pm Board of Trustees meeting

Thursday, 15 January 5:30 pm Carillon

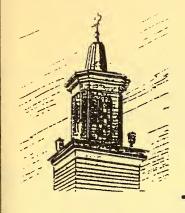
5:30 pm Carillon 6:45 pm Jubilation Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

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All-Church Birthday Dinner

Sunday, January 17, 12:00 noon

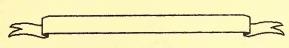
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Plan "B" for Active Parenting Classes

et's try one more time to begin our Active Parenting Classes *this* Sunday night, anuary 17, from 6-7:30 pm (since we were spstaged by the snow on the 10th).

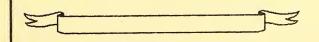
Our postponement does mean classes will now end on February 21, and, due to some already pre-scheduled activities of Diane Lehr's, Jerry will lead two of the classes. Diane will lead the remaining four.

Childcare is available.



Please Note:

Youth groups and Creative Arts will meet this Sunday at 6:00 pm



From Here to Lehr

last week I reflected on some of the highlights of 1992. Now I would like to share with you some of our goals for 1993. With evangelism as our emphasis for the first half of the year, we have set a goal of 45 new members for 1993, with our worship growing from 209 to 230. This will take the effort of every member to reach out and invite others to worship.

Our Sunday School has a goal of having 100 people in classes Sunday morning. studying the Bible and our faith. We want to continue to develop our youth programs and develop some more prayer and Bible study groups.

In December, we approved the following budget for 1993. Please note the decrease in staff salaries. This is because in 1991 we had a full-time Ninister of Education. two-thirds-time Minister of Music and Pastoral Care, a student minister, and a Senior Pastor. We now have a half-time Director of Music, two-thirds-time Minister of Faith Development, and a full-time Senior Minister.

In 1990, we had 3 1/6 staff people doing the program and pastoral care of the church. Now we have 2 1/6 programmatic staff. This has meant the Minister of Faith Development and the Senior Minister have had to pick up those other responsibilities.

We have added an editor in the office at ten hours a week to help with Tidings. We were able to give a 4% raise to the support staff, and the Senior Minister received 3% raise on his salary or a 2% raise on his total package.

We are very excited about the programs being developed in our committees, and we feel good in our continued support of our Outreach, with 13% of our budget going to ministries beyond our local church.

The budget has been designed to equal our projected income. We worked very hard at not having a budget that was more than what our pledges and other income totaled. We will try to be good stewards of your monies for the ministry of the Lord's work.

l hope this has been helpful as we move into 1993 together!

P. S. With our goal of 230 in worship we need your presence. Invite someone to worship with you this Sunday.

Spiritual Participation	1-10-93	Average YTD
Worship	117	148
Worship Sunday School	45	49
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lidings	January	13,	1993
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	Approved Budget ember 8, 1992)	
	1992	1993
otal Staff Expenses	139,559	138,916
ostage and Mailing	6,000	6,000
upplies and Printing	4,000	4,000
otal Staff and Office	149,559	148,916
ay Leadership	0	0
hristian Education	4,500	8,000
roperty	25,000	26,750
tewardship	1,010	1,150
ellowship	2,500	1,400
orship	5,715	6,315
utreach and Service	26,825	27,170
vangelism	5,304	7,700
otal Program Budget	70,854	78,485
otal 1993 Expenses	220,413	227,401
rojected 1993 Income		
ledges	201,350	201,000
pose/Sunday School	5,000	5,000
ew Members	3,000	3,000
Sub-total	209,350	209,000
emorial 'B' Interest	6,000	7,000
hecking Account Interest	600	400
epartmental Income	6,000	8,000
ood Bank	5,000	3,001
otal Projected Income	226,950	227,401



Dr. Jeremiah Wright will be the guest preacher at the eighth annual Dr. Martin Luther King service at 7:00 pm, Sunday. January 17 at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 West Berry Street.

Dr. Wright is senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. This five thousand member church is both the largest and fastest growing church within the United Church of Christ. During Dr. Wright's twenty-year ministry there. Trinity's membership has grown from fewer than one hundred members.

A massed choir will also participate in the service, which is sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. Plymouth Church, and the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

This is an opportunity for the community to join in an ecumenical experience of worship and praise, celebrating the life, ministry, and dreams of Dr. King.

Joys and Concerns

Andy Cook has been a patient at Parkview Hospital this week. He's doing well at home.

Gini Brown will have outpatient surgery this week.



Announcements

On January 23, from 9 am-4 pm, we will have our Elders' Retreat. A new manual, Disciples Eldership: A Quest for Identity and Ministry, by Peter Morgan, will be the resource for the day's workshop. Our hope is that all active elders will participate in this workshop and that new elders will go through this training as well.

Rev. Jerry Zehr's P. R. C. committee (John Kelly, Roger Moll, Evelyn Yeoman, Bud Ludwig, and Mildred Hartman) will meet January 25 at 7:00 pm.

Sermon Preview

Scripture: John 1: 29-34

Sermon: "I Witness Video"

What did the writer of the Gospel of John witness that he mentions in this scripture? What do you do when you witness an event that has a great impact on your life? How does it affect you?

Don't Get Behind!

If you have forgotten what you pledged for 1993, you may call the church office and Diane Johnson can share that information with you. Many times we get behind in our giving in January and February, and we never get caught up.

It always seems the bills for the church are at their highest in January and February, and because of the weather people miss church and miss the opportunity to give.

Let's start the New Year in the right direction!

Pictorial Directories are Here!

Our new pictorial directory has finally arrived. Copies of the directory will be in the Narthex for you to pick up, or you may pick one up during the week at the church office. One directory per family, please.

Food Bank

The Associated Churches Christmas Food Collection was very successful. The warehouse is completely full, but none of the food has been sorted so it cannot be distributed.

There is no room in the warehouse for staples such as milk, crackers, beans and tuna.

Until the collection is sorted and distributed, we need from you dry beans, dry milk (Sanalac), crackers, macaroni and cheese, laundry and dishwashing soap, cereal, and spaghetti.

It's hard to believe that we can have so much that we have shortages, but we are going to be depending on you for staples.

Thanks for your help!

Praver

"Prayer is neither chiefly begging for things, nor merely self-communion; it is that loftiest experience within the reach of any soul, communion with God."

> --H. E. Fosdick The Meaning of Prayer

The prayer chain is in place and ready to lift your joys and concerns to God in prayer. To activate the prayer chain, call the church office (744-3239) between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On weekends call Judy Church at 447-5691

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way."

-- M. Louise Haskins

Youth News

This Sunday, January 17--Regular meeting at 6:00 pm. We'll plan the lock-in and Youth Sunday.

Friday, January 22--Lock-In from 7:00 pm 'til 8:00 am. Bring some munchies, a bottle of pop, and \$5.00 for midnight bowling!

Sunday, January 31—The youth will go tobogganing at Pokagon with the Young Adult group. Sledders will leave from the church at 12:00 noon. (See announcement below for further information.)

February 21 is Youth Sunday. Mark it down!

At the gate of the year Outing for Young Adults

Tobogganing!

We will go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park on Sunday, January 31. We plan to leave from the church at 12:00 pm. (You can come to second service in your tobogganing clothes--it's okay!) Cost is \$4.00 per hour per sled, and four people can ride a sled. Figure \$1.00 per hour per person plus money for lunch.

VIF dollars make a difference

30 countries throughout the world, Basic ssion Finance enables more than 100 issionaries and global mission partners to each and teach and minister to the ysical needs of all kinds of people. Here what your money can do:

\$25 will provide Bibles, concordances and mmentaries for African pastors.

\$25 will provide school supplies for a lish child.

\$50 will pay for paper for 25 Bibles to be inted in China.

\$80 will provide one child with a year's re and education at a pre-school in the uth African ghetto of Soweto.

\$150 will provide books for a Russian cological student for a year.

\$2,000 will buy medicine and prostheses victims of war in Nicaragua.

\$1,000 will provide one meal per day for e month for 200 persons in an nergency food program in Argentina.

"I Dream a World" Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America



Photographs by Brian Lanker

January 2 through February 21, 1993 Fort Wayne Museum of Art

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm.



January 21-27

James Plummer (21)
Daniel Auer (21)
Jim Bushey (21)
Heath Hudlow (21)
Charles Ewing (22)
Harriett Cole (23)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)

Mimi Westerfield (24)
Sally Rudy (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Marilyn Rieke (25)
Dorothy Green (27)
Karen Bushey (27)

Serving January 17

Elders

8:15 am 10:45 am C. Ewing, B. Crouse

E Vanderwall, Jt. Weicker Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 am

B Hendricks, C. Davis, J. Arnold, M. Arnold

10:45 am

S Zimmerman, M. Orr. D. Orr.

J. Bushev, E. Rieke, M. Rieke,

B. Smith. B. Kelly

Ushers

8:15 am 10:45 am J. Ott. C. Davis, J. Young C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff,

H. Nordblom, C. Falbe

Homebound Communion

S. Oden--J. Arnold

J. Ohneck--S. Brey

R. Krull--K. Bushey

D. Kreischer--L. Bushey Communion Preparation

G. Brown, M. Orr, E. Yeoman

No Coffee Hour -- All-Church Birthday

Acolytes

M. McEvov. J. Bushev

Extended Session Leader

K. Taylor

Evangelism Callers

Team I-- J. & C. McGrew

Team II--M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

Lav Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. 10:45 A.M.

C. Ludwig J. Walsh

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 17

8:15 am 9:30 am First Worship Church School

10:45 am

Second Worship

12:00 noon All-Church Birthday Party

6:00 pm

Active Parenting Class

Creative Arts CYF & Chi Rho

7:00 pm

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community

Service

Monday, January 18 Church office closed

Tuesday, January 19

9:30 am

Rachel Circle

Sarah Circle 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 21

5:30 pm

Carillon

6:45 pm 7:00 pm

Jubilation Ringers Chancel Choir

Friday, January 22

7:00 pm

CYF & Chi Rho Lock-in

Saturday, January 23

9:00 am

Elder's Retreat at the church

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1993 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-26

Millions of people around the world observe the Week of Prayer r Christian Unity, January 18-25, during which Christian churches by together "for the unity Christ wills and by the means Christ wills."

From Here to Lehr

Inauguration Day was this week. During an inauguration everyone feels a sense of hope for the country, for a new president, for a new term, and for a new beginning. We are a country shaped by beginnings, for during our frontier past everything seemed like it was a new adventure.

Our television shows continue this theme with the focus on the courting and the relationships. of new tension "Moonlighting," "Love and War," and "Who's the Boss?" used the sparkle of a new relationship being formed between two individuals.

What happens after the Inauguration, after the courting and the honeymoon? We do not celebrate the day-to-day relationships as well as we do the new beginnings. Dayto-day relationships are too ordinary, not flashy enough for television news or shows. and yet they are what hold our society together.

Will we keep our hope and support alive for our new president after the honeymoon, or will we go back to our sometimes cynical way of looking at the president? Will we work as hard on our own day-to-day relationships as we did when we first met our spouse or friend?

After my first year here, I realize my honeymoon is over. Some of the sparkle of having a new Senior pastor may be lost. I have made some mistakes, missed a contact, or have just become more human with all my foibles.

I hope you'll continue to give our President-elect your support and prayers after the Inauguration. I hope you'll continue to give me your prayers and support as we continue to develop our dayto-day relationships.

Let's celebrate and give thanks to God for God's working in the ordinariness of our daily lives.

Please Note

Committees and Chairpersons will meet Tuesday, January 26. Chairpersons will meet at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Committees will meet at 7:30 pm. (Committee members, please check with your chair to see if you are meeting.)

Spiritual Participation	1-17-93	Average YTD
Worship Sunday School	252 76	183 58

Sermon Preview

Scripture: Matthew 4: 12-23 and 1 Corinthians: 10-17 Sermon: "Don't Stop Thinking About Tomorrow"

v did Jesus react to hearing about John the Baptist being put in prison? What was it that us began preaching? Jesus was beginning to assemble his "cabinet." Who were the first is he asked? Spiritually, are you still preparing the nets? Leaving the boat? Following d after Jesus?

Announcements

v. Jerry Zehr's Pastoral Relations nmittee (John Kelly, Roger Moll, Evelyn man, Bud Ludwig, and Mildred Hartman) meet Nonday, January 25, at 7:00 pm.

nmittee will meet Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 pm. If you have a concern or uld like to relay a note of couragement, please contact one of the mbers: Ralph Church (447–5691), role Davis (622–4305), Mimi Westerfield 15–9351), George Davis (744–6013), Jane 1sh (744–3795).

ar-end contribution statements may be ked up this Sunday in the Narthex.

e CWF Executive Board will have a very ort meeting to finalize this year's budget. will meet this Sunday, January 24. imediately after second service in the bard Room.



gous and Concerns

Our sympathy is with Charles and Jewell Burkhart in the death of Jewell's brother. William Harwell.

Merle Grimm will have surgery this Friday at Lutheran Hospital.

Earl Plummer is in Lutheran Hospital.

Orda Glentzer will have cataract surgery this Friday.

Warren Smart is at home recovering from a heart attack.

Lillian Busse is recovering from surgery at home.

What do you say after "Hello"?

Do you know someone who is grieving, ill. or anticipating losses in the near future? How can you be a friend and be supportive of these individuals?

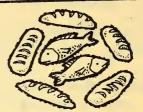
Join Marie Miller, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, on February 10 at 7:00 pm for helpful insights and open discussion on how we might serve others with the right words. enhanced empathy, and Christian compassion. This meeting is sponsored by our Christian Education Department.

Prayer

mistakenly W sometimes Prayer. considered the refuge of the weak, is actually the ultimate resource of the 🔏 strong."

> -- Brother Lawrence The Practice of the Presence of God

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We occasionally get a small supply of baby food and never have trouble finding clients who are glad to have it. If you have a small supply around the house, left over from your children or from your grandchildren's visits, please bring it in to us. It will be appreciated. We can distribute anything except boxes or jars that have been opened.

We recently were given some cat food, for which we have not yet found a user, but we will. If you have food or personal items of any sort, we will match it up with a grateful user.

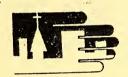
If you prefer to donate money, we either forward it to Associated Churches for wholesale purchases, or we buy items on sale. We recently purchased 160 pounds of chicken quarters which will last a few

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CHURCH OMMUNITY



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luting for Young Adults

Tobogganing!

e will go tobogganing at Pokagon State ark on Sunday, January 31. We plan to eave from the church at 12:00 pm. an come to second service in your obogganing clothes--it's okay!) Cost is 4.00 per hour per sled, and four people an ride a sled. Figure \$1.00 per hour per erson plus money for lunch.

Youth News

Friday, January 22--Lock-In from 7:00 pm 'til 8:00 am. Bring some munchies, a bottle of pop, and \$5.00 for midnight bowling!

Sunday, January 31--The youth will go tobogganing at Pokagon with the Young Adult group. Sledders will leave from the church at 12:00 noon. (See Young Adult announcement for further information.)

February 21 is Youth Sunday. down!



January 28-February 3

Bobbi Lindsay (1) William Kerley (28) Jim Sands (1) Wade Smith (28) Mike Walsh (28) Anita Fitch (2) Judy Mey (2) Martha Warner (30) Patricia Erdly (3) Kathy Blocher (31)

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6:00 pm Active Parenting Class

Monday, January 25

Jerry Zehr's P. R. C. 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 26

Committee chairs 7:00 pm 7:30 pm Committees

Thursday, January 27

5:30 pm Carillon

6:45 pm Jubilation Ringers Chancel Choir 7:00 pm

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BABIES, BAPTISM, BUTTERFLIES AND BELLS

MANAMANAMA

This Sunday, January 31, the Creative Arts children will sing the "Butterfly Song," our Carillon Bell Choir will be playing, we will dedicate five babies to the Lord, and have a baptism.

It should be a glorious service of joy and celebration. You'll definitely want to be here.

MANAGER MANAGER



s Sunday because of the Super Bowl we Parenting will meet at 3:00 pm.

Creative Arts will meet at 3:00 pm also.

th groups will meet right after worship. "Youth News" about tobogganing.

Don't Miss Aprices On:

Valentine's Dance

Abraham Lincoln is coming

New Prayer, Bible Studies groups

Seminar for caregivers

From Here to Zehr Jous and Concerns

Super Bowl Sunday! It's finally here! Those of us who are football fans wait all year for this Sunday. I start thinking about the game the week before, start watching ESPN for the updates on the game, etc. During the game I'll yell at the TV for my favorite team (I believe in transcendental coaching). and he exhausted at the end of the game. Have any of you done this for an I. U. game, N. C. A. A. playoff, or other sports activity? We put a lot of ourselves into a game.

What would happen if everyone came to church with the same level of energy and focus for the worship service?

Hey, why not? Let's do it! This Sunday, bring your enthusiasm, energy, and even your red sweater (if you want) as we give praise to the best coach in the universe (not Bobby Knight). Prepare yourself like you would for a game. It's amazing what happens when we become open to the coaching of the Holy Spirit!

If we can give ourselves fully to a football game, let's give ourselves to God's game plan for life.

See you Sunday.

P.S. Go. Cowboys!

We congratulate Gladys Hoop on her 97th birthday, last Saturday, January 23. She is our senior member living in Fort Wayne. Edna Vaught is our oldest member, but she lives in Florida. If you would like to send a card to Gladys, her address is: Regency Pl., Room 141, 6006 Brandy Chase Cove 46815.

Marge Thomas had to have surgery while she is in Florida. Her recovery is coming along. If you would like to send her a card, her address in Florida is: 317 Edwin Dr., Ruskin, FL.

Merle Grimm is in Lutheran Hospital, Room 434.

Earl Plummer is in Lutheran Hospital, Room 319.

Lillian Busse is recovering at home.

Orda Glentzer is recovering from cataract surgery.

Pat Mullen is having oral surgery this week.

Spiritual Participation	1-24-93	Average YTD
Worship Sunday School	256	201

OFFEE HOUR STORY (IRAE

offee hour time following second service ill have a new addition beginning February

In the corner of Fellowship Hall (in ont of the kitchen) there will be an area at aside for our younger children who may ant to join our Story Reader for a few inutes as their parents enjoy a cup of offee and a cookie and a conversation with friend. Carol Overmeyer will be our Story ircle reader. This is sponsored by our hristian Education Department.



). M. A. (DON'T MENTION AGE) News

n Tuesday, February 2, at 12:00 noon our pecial guest will be Abraham Lincoln!

his is a pitch-in lunch. Bring a little xtra for Mr. Lincoln, and come and hear om our special guest about how life really as back in his day.

ur St. Patrick's Day Party will be on March
. No green beer—but maybe some green
bod (and I don't mean salad). Mark the
ate on your calendar.



Be generous and share your food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

We said last week that we would try to match anything you bring us with a client. We have one item which we have quit trying to give to someone. It just sits there on the shelf—a nice green four—ounce can of sauerkraut juice. If you would like it, give us a call and it's yours!

Our problem with most food items is making sure that we have enough for everyone. We try to supply a balanced diet, enough for three meals a day for five days, every thirty days.

If a client returns sooner, our charter says that we can give them some USDA surplus food items, but generally this in no way is a balanced diet. Sometimes when we have a good supply of food, we listen to our hearts and not to the rules. You can help us listen to our hearts by making sure there is plenty of food on the shelves.

SERMON PREVIEW

Sermon: "Super Bowl Sunday -- Who's Number 1?"

Scripture: Natthew 5: 1-12

Which of the Beatitudes do you relate to? Which one gives you the most trouble? Blessed are you . . . do you need a blessing from God today?

Prayer

"In prayer we make the nearest approaches to God and lie open to the influences of heaven; then it is that the Sun of righteousness visits us with his most direct rays, and dissipates our darkness, and imprints his image on our souls."

--Henry Scougal

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LOOKING AHEAD

February 21 is Youth Sunday. The youth have planned a special service. You won't want to miss it.

February 24—Ash Wednesday service and supper. At 6:00 pm there will be a light supper. A worship service to begin the 40 days of Lent will be held at 7:30 pm.

March 14 is "Strings and Stars"! Start working on your act for our annual talent show. We want all types of acts! Get together with somebody and do a skit, lip sync, tell a couple of jokes, or sing a song. Let's have some fun!

Rev. Diane Zehr's Pastoral Relations Committee will meet Tuesday, February 2, at 7:30 pm. If you have a concern or would like to relay a note of encouragement, please contact one of the members: Ralph Church, Carole Davis, Mimi Westerfield, George Davis, Jane Walsh.





A TASTE OF THE COVENANT

An Open letter from Brian Prechtl, Member of People of the Covenant Group

ast fall I became a member of a pilot orogram in our church called People of the Covenant.

t was with slight trepidation and anxiety hat I readied myself for our first meeting. Yes, I knew I wanted to learn more about the Bible, the power of prayer, and how I could be a better Christian, but did I have the time to commit to yet another activity? After all, Monday was my only free evening and I felt as if I was under a good deal of pressure and had so little time to meet the lemands of my already overcrowded schedule.

Ionetheless, I found myself in the first neeting of the Covenant group. I knew the other people sitting around me in my living room casually or not at all and wondered where all this would lead. Little did I realize how this extra commitment that I nade almost grudgingly would change my ife.

our group it seemed was comprised of such liverse personalities, points of view and collections of life experience that I magined a mild or vague sense of commonality between us. But what in actuality happened was startling. We found so many common threads that seemed to un through all our lives. We had similar juestions, doubts, fears, joys, triumphs and

failures. We were clearly all at different places in our spiritual journey. Some like myself were just awakening that spiritual child that remained buried beneath the layers of years. Others were somewhere in the middle of the journey and still others have been on life's spiritual path for a good portion of their lives.

But the one thing that made our situation gel so quickly was that all of us had a common desire to strengthen our faith and welcome Jesus into our hearts. By opening ourselves to the spirit we became instruments of His love and ambassadors of that love to all whom we touched.

It came to us in fuzzy half-glimpses and in blazing epiphanies and in every stage in between. At first we talked about the Bible verses that we were to read each week trying to understand God's word and its implication in our own lives and had some simple and general prayer time at the end of each session. Then gradually things began to happen.

We began to really open up to each other and open our hearts to the spirit in our prayer sessions. Suddenly we all began to feel a real presence in our lives, not just in our meetings which were super charged but in our day to day existence. It was so much easier to sustain a spiritual outlook because we had a spiritual group.

Perhaps even more amazing was our discovery of the power of prayer. Week after week we would all bring in prayer requests from others in the congregation or from people outside our church and we would lift them up in our prayers. I was astounded how often the prayers seemed to be answered.

Equally astounding were the changes I saw in myself and which others seem to notice in me as well. I felt 100 pounds lighter and knew for the first time in my life the richness of God's grace.

And to think I hesitated when first considering this "extra commitment." How easily I might have missed knowing the greatest joy of my life. For it has ended up to not be a burden at all but a source of constant inspiration and hope which makes all my days easier, all my real burdens lighter and all my relationships more joyful.

I invite you to take your share of the Kingdom. Join us for a Taste of the Covenant during Lent and come to know the joy of commitment with a group of other children of God seeking His way.

Brian Prechtl

You, too, may want to experience the power of God at work in your life in a small group of friends sharing your lives and faith and prayers.

Beginning the week of February 24 (Ash Wednesday) the Christian Education Department will be offering this six-week Lenten experience of "A Taste of the Covenant." Groups will be formed on the basis of the time you have available to meet. There will be eight to ten people in each group. Each meeting will last two hours and the Scripture we will be studying is the Psalms.

Six weeks February 24-April 5. For more information please see Diane Zehr. Groups will decide together a location to meet and the only cost will be \$4.00 for the Study Guide.

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Youth News

This Sunday, January 31, the youth will meet after second service to plan Youth Sunday. We need everyone to be there. Let's all sit up front together during worship.

Please note the change in our tobogganing plans. This Saturday at 1:00 pm the youth will leave from the church to go to Pokagon. The cost for sledding is approximately \$3.00 per person. Also, bring money for lunch. We will return to the church by 6:00 pm.

February 21 is Youth Sunday.

"In human relationships, closeness and warmth only occur when we ask about one another . . . when we seek to know how we can help one another. Until we ask, we will never know."

-- Bernard S. Raskas

DUTING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

We will go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park on Sunday, January 31. We plan to leave from the church at 12:00 noon. (You can come to second service dressed in your lobogganing clothes—it's okay!) The cost is \$4.00 per hour per sled, and four people can ride a sled. Figure \$1.00 per hour per person, plus money for lunch.

VHW DO YOU SAY AFTER "HELLO?

lave you ever visited a friend or family nember who is grieving or ill or facing a painful or difficult time in their life and ound yourself not knowing what to say?

In Wednesday night, February 10, from 7-3:30 pm, you will have the chance to learn now to give helpful care to those who need

t is our pleasure to have Marie Miller peak to us. She is a new member at FCC nd also Coordinator of Hospice Volunteers or Allen County. Marie will bring a wealth f experience and her own faith ommitment that will inspire and inform s as we love one another, especially in fe's painful situations.

his seminar is sponsored by the Christian ducation Department.

Invite someone to our worship service. It is one of the best Valentines you can give!

Thank You

Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you so much for all the calls and
cards, and thank you, Jerry and Diane, for
your visit. With all your prayers and the
great surgeon, the results turned out
perfect.

God loves you, and so does

Andy Cook



February 4-10

Ruth Yentes (4)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Roger Gross (4)
Wanda Hamm (4)
Eric Mory (4)
Christy Koerner (4)
Stan Horine (6)
Anne Moll (7)

Elinor Place (?)
Larry Brey (?)
Ruth Truesdell(8)
Betty Harter (9)
Steve White (9)
Sharon Ellis (9)
Susan Knuckles(9)
Kenneth Place(10)
Rose Newton (10)

Serving January 31

Elders

8:15 am M. Hartman, K. Graham 10:45 am J. Ohneck, J. Kelly

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 am J. Young, G. Brown.

M. Hutchinson.
N. Knappenberger

10:45 am M. McFarland, S. Kerley,

B. Glasgow, R. Moll, J. Mounsey, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, B. Smith

Ushers

8:15 am J. Ott. C. Byrket. C. Davis

10:45 am

C. McGrew, W. Bowen.

B. Glasgow, E. Nordblom

Homebound Communion

C. Hatten--B. Glasgow

C. Ewing-T. Hatten

K. Grehem--B. Hendricks
M. Hartman--M. Hutchinson

Communion Preparation

Db. Rinker, Dv. Rinker, C.Davis

Coffee Hour Hosts

C. Long Acolytes

J. Medlin & K. Moll

Extended Session Leader

C. Farr

Evangelism Callers

Team I--B. Grimm & E. Yeoman

Lay Vorship Leaders

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Church Calendar

Sunday, January 31

8:15 am First Worship 9:30 am Church School 10:45 am Second Worship

12:00 pm Young adults depart for

tobogganing at Pokagon 6:00 pm Active Parenting Class

Creative Arts

Tuesday, February 2

12:00 pm D.M.A. potluck 7:30 pm Diane Zehr's P.R.C.

Thursday, February 4

5:30 pm Carillon

6:45 pm Jubilation Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday. February 6

10:00 am Meeting for Mentors

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A TASTE OF THE COVENANT

An open letter from Charlie Hatten

became involved with the People of the Covenant at my wife, Theresa's, suggestion. The opportunity came just as I was trying to repriortize my commitments due to some increased job responsibilities. I had already resigned from some boards and other programs I had been involved in. The last thing I thought I needed was something more to do. I did, however, agree to try it and see what would happen. What happened continues to amaze me.

What has been amazing is to see what sharing and praying has done for our small group. We have taught each other much over the past few months. We have learned that everyone has a gift from God which becomes even more special when it's shared with others. We have found that through sharing, our faith is brought to life.

I get really excited when I think about what our church might be like with seven or eight of these small groups sharing and praying together. Our group prays for the leaders of our church every week. We pray for our personal concerns and for the concerns of others, some whom we know and some whom we don't know. We pray for our joys and we pray for thanksgiving for answered prayers. We always come expecting to be touched in some way. With several of these small groups praying, our congregation would know the experience of the Holy Spirit working in our midst.

I hope that each of you will take a chance and experience a "Taste of the Covenant" this Lenten season.

Beginning the week of February 24 (Ash Wednesday), the Christian Education Department will offer this six-week Lenten experience. There will be eight to ten people in each group. Each meeting will last two hours and we will study the Psalms. For more information, please contact Diane Zehr. The only cost will be \$4.00 for the Study Guide. Sign up this Sunday in church.

From Here to Zeh

Last Sunday was a first! People always ask me if I have anything on under my robe. Well, last Sunday I didn't. When I participate in a baptism I have a pair of fisherman's boots that come up to the middle of my chest that I wear so I won't get wet while I immerse the candidate in the water.

Last Sunday as I was standing in the water reading the opening scripture of the baptism, I could feel water seeping into my boots. What to do? I always keep my suit pants on so when I take the boots off I can put my robe back on and go back into the service. Well, the water started filling up any open area in my boots and by the end of the baptism I could hardly lift myself out of the water!

My suit pants were soaked, so I did the only thing I could do: put the robe on and I now know go out with sloshy shoes. what it feels like to wear a skirt and have that morning draft come up your legs. Grady Vanderwall did pull my robe up after the service and my wife took a picture of my legs, but I have the copy!

Oh well, you never know what you're going to miss when you're not here on Sunday.

I hope that will be my first and last

experience with a drafty robe and wet shoes.

See you Sunday.

Jerry

P.S. I could try to find some deep meaning in this experience, but I decided to let it speak for itself. I hope it brought a chuckle to your day!



"Believe me, every man has his secret sorrow, which the world knows not, and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad."

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Spiritual Participation	1-31-93	Average YTD
Worship	267	214
Sunday School	61	59
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ous and Concerns

want to celebrate with these families in e dedication of their babies this last Elizabeth Mary Vanderwall ındav: Grady and Dawn Vanderwall). arents: ayton George Knappenberger (Parents: ick and Allison Knappenberger), Paige icole Vandergriff (Parents: Estel and Lori andergriff), Caitlynn Nicole Jackson arents: Larry and Nancy Jackson: John and Marianne Filosa). odparents: ames Oliver Parker, III (Parents: James and hristina Parker).

e also celebrate with Estel Vandergriff in is baptism Sunday.

lease keep in your prayers:

auline Snyder, who is at home.

lessie Ehresman, who is in St. Joseph lospital, Room 588.

lark Krull, who had an accident last week then he fell from a ladder. He has a roken nose and other minor injuries, but ie is at home and doing well, even though e's still sore.



Be generous and share your food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Our food bank covers a fairly large part of southern Fort Wayne, from Anthony Blvd. west to the St. Mary's river, and from Rudisill Blvd. south. Within this area there are those who are wealthy, a large number who are middle income, and many working poor as well as those on welfare. group of working poor is growing fastest, unfortunately.

We are getting a good supply of basic foods from the Associated Churches warehouse. Now we would like to ask you to provide things which are not necessary to survive. but which might brighten the day for someone. Please bring cake mixes, jello, pudding, and other treats. We also need personal items.

Last week a mother asked for a cake mix for a child's birthday. Unfortunately we had none to give. You can brighten someone's day for very little money.

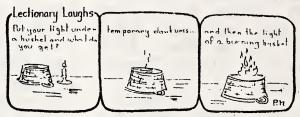
SERMON PREVIEW

Sermon: "What Good Are You?"

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

The church exists not to serve itself, but the world. Have you ever known someone that was so heavenly minded they were no earthly good? This well-loved passage of scripture that we need to be salt of the earth and light to the world reminds us that "DOING GOOD WORKS" in the world is the business of Christians individually and of the church.

If we have received the light of Christ in our lives and haven't let it change our character and what we do in the world, we're like this cartoon:



Prayer

"A simple grateful thought raised to Heaven is the most perfect prayer."

--Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Supper at 6:00 pm Service at 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Every year we try to have a special service to help people begin the season of Lent. The supper will be provided. A free will offering will be taken.

Active Parenting

Sunday, February 7
5:00 pm--Make-up of session 3
6:00 pm--This week's session, Chapter 4

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WHAT DOES 'REVELATION' MEAN?

the Gospel Seekers adult Sunday School class is beginning a four-week study of the book of evelation. This class will be taught by Rev. Diane Zehr. We will meet from 9:30-10:30 am the Board Room. If you currently do not attend Sunday School, perhaps you would like join us for this study. Also, we issue a special invitation to the Come Double class to join since their teacher, Bill Franklin, is in Florida for the month.

ospel Seekers will have a carry-in dinner on Saturday, February 6, at 6:00 pm. The dinner all be at Opal Carper's.

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THANKS TO CREATIVE ARTS PARENTS

Creative Arts Singers did a wonderful job Sunday! Thank you, parents, for bringing the children each week. A special note of thanks goes to Sue Oden for making all the great animals you saw. She's the creative genius behind Creative Arts!

***** 🕇 Have you thought of a joke you could 🛣 tell? A song you could sing? A skit 🚣 you could do? Our annual talent show 🚣 ★ is coming up March 14. We want all 🖈 ★ types of "talents." We need your ★ * participation to make this a good * time! ******

Youth News

This Sunday, February 7, at 6:00 pm we will rehearse for Youth Sunday.

Creative Arts will meet from 6:00-7:30 pm this Sunday to practice for their singing on February 21.

February 21 is Youth Sunday.

HIGHLIGHTS OF KING GEBRATION

700 worshippers from many Fort Wayne denominations joined hands and hearts and voice at Plymouth Congregational Church the evening of January 17 for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Worship Celebration.

Dr. Jeremiah Wright, a noted preacher from the United Church of Christ, challenged all of us to make sure the generations who did not know Dr. King's work will continue to know "the dream."

\$1,700 was received in a free-will offering to be used for scholarship money.

Rev. Diane Zehr participated in leading worship.



Thank You

'o First Christian Church:

erry, a special thank you for your visits nd for being with Betty, Steven, and Bruce Turing my recent surgery and hospital stay. Iso, many, many thanks to all FCC nembers for their prayers, cards, calls, and visits.

our expressions of love and caring were eally appreciated. I hope to be able to oin you in church real soon. Thanks igain.

Merle Grimm

dy thanks to everyone who sent cards or phoned me after the death of my brother. They were a comfort to me and greatly appreciated.

Jewel Byrket

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Did you know we had five babies dedicated Sunday and Estel Vandergriff became baptized? The children sang a beautiful song and the bells outdid themselves. Valetta Parlette and Jerry Zimmerman had beautiful music, and Rev. Zehr's boney legs were showing (see his article).

If you drive by on Sunday evenings you'll see a bunch of cars because we have had 26 adults in our Active Parenting class, 16 children in Creative Arts, and between 16-22 teenagers in the youth group on Sunday evenings.

The last three Sundays we have had 252, 257, and 267 in worship! That's a big jump from our average of 210 last year! Let's keep the spirit—don't miss church Sunday!



February 11-17

Cheri Tobias (11)
Marvin Crouse (11)
Kent Gaskill (11)
Bill Devinney (12)
Charles McGrew (12)
Chris McDougle (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Kevin Tobias (13)

Clarence Bozarth(14)
Merle Grimm (14)
Robert Neal (14)
Sara Glasgow (14)
Charles Hatten(15)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Martha Hunt (16)
Karen Doehrman 16)

Serving February 7

Elders

8:15 am C. Ludwig, B. Hendricks 10:45 am C. Hatten, R. Krull

Diaconate & Greeters

8:15 am K. Blocher, B. Hendricks,

J. Arnold, M. Arnold

10:45 am J. Mounsey, B. Kelly, J. Bushey.

M. Orr. Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker, S. Zimmermon, M. Quick

Ushers

8:15 am J. Ott. M. Hartman. M.

Hutchinson

10:45 am C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, H.

Nordblom. C. Falbe

Communion Preparation

Db. Rinker. Dv. Rinker. C. Davis

Coffee Hour Hosts

S. Davis

Acolytes

T. Anderson, H. Falbe

Extended Session Leader

K. Bushey

Evangelism Callers

Team I--V. Klepfer

Team II--R. & J. Church

Lay Worship Leaders

8:15 A.M. 10:45 A.M. C. Ludwig L. Miller

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 7

8:15 am First Worship

8:30 am Church & Community Task Force

9:30 am Church School 10:45 am Second Worship

6:00 pm Active Parenting Class

Chi Rho & CYF

Tuesday, February 8

11:30 pm Rebecca Circle 7:30 pm Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 9

5:30 pm Carillon

6:45 pm Jubilation Ringers 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, February 10

7:00-8:30 pm Glenn Miller Band

7:00-9:30 pm All-Church Valentine's Dance

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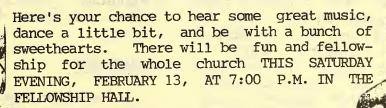
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Bring Your "Sweet" Heart to Valentine Dance

THIS STURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

GLENN MILLER COMBO PLAYING



Our Creative Arts group is doing decorations and the evening will be hosted jointly by the Fellowship Committee and our seniors group. The fun is not only for seniors but for all ages who enjoy big band music and dancing.

Everyone welcome, singles or couples. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Time: 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. The Glenn Miller band will play from 7:00 - 8:30 and a D.J. will follow for your dancing pleasure.

Child care will be provided.

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

Many times I'11 have someone share with me their desire for a deeper faith or relationship with God. Have you felt that way? Do you find that worship on Sunday morning gives a hunger for a deeper spiritual life, but you don't know what to do to fill that hunger? Have you tried to pray by yourself getting yourself found distracted? This year during Lent, we will have a number of prayer and Bible studies groups going for people to participate in. This is not the traditional Bible study because there is a prayer component that helps the groups grow in their relationship with each other and God.

T have been a part of this type of a group and let me say it was one of the most enriching experiences I have had. I got to know other people in a new way, and it was really powerful knowing there were other people praying for me and sharing with me in their journey of faith.

If you have said in the past, "I feel spiritually flat, empty, or, thirsting for more, you need to participate in this program! I hope you will! See you Sunday.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. You may call the church office and put your name on the list and give Diane the best times

during the day or night for you to meet. We will then contact you with the times of the groups. We will have child care for Sunday evening group if you need

it!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mariah Christine Widmen, daughter of Dick & Becca Widmen, was dedicated Last Sunday.

Bud Ludwig is a patient at

St. Joseph.

Beverly Johnston patient at St. Joseph. Valetta Panlette is

home

from Lutheran Hospital.

Bill Devinney will be having tests this week. Ressie Ehnesman is at St.

Uun prayers are with Pauline Snyder.

Orda Glentzen is now staying with her daughter, Coleen Wilcoxson. ADDRESS: Candlelite Court 46807.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. A big thank you to Jerry for his calls.

Marge Thomas

REBUILDING AFTER DIVORCE

A MODEL FOR HEALING AND PARENTING explores how to grow beyond grief, rebuild self-esteem, and

Presented by: Victor L. Rebman, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist Where: IPFW Continuing Education, call 481-6619

resolve loneliness and anger.

When: Feb. 18-Mar. 25 Fee: Thurs. 7:30-9:15 pm \$44 if you bring a friend 6 meetings

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DICK HAMM....

Last week it was announced that Dr. Richard Hamm, 45, Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee, will be the candidate nominated by our denomination to the office of General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

If elected he would serve a six year term beginning in July of this year. He would be pastor to the 4,000 Disciple congregations across the

U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Hamm was the former Senior Pastor of First Christian Church here in Fort Wayne. He was active in our community in mediating Teacher and School Board negotiations and we love him for the excellent leadership and pastoral care that he offered us during his ministry.

Upon election, Dick, and Mindy, and Laura and David, will be moving to Indianapolis where our General Offices of the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) are located.

We continue to pray for their strength and thank God for who they

are!

ASH WEDNESDAY

SUPPER AT 6:00 P.M.

SERVICE AT 7:30 P.M.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Every year we try to have a special service to help people begin the season of Lent. The supper will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken.

ATTENTION.....ALL WOMEN

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SERVING FEBRUARY 14 **ELDERS** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 am B. Johnson, J. Weicker B:15 8:15 0:45 am D. Vanderwall, D. Kreischer DIACONATE & GREETERS am C.Davis, J. Young, Jt. Myers, N.Knappenberger 0:45 am L.Brev, S.Brev, D.Orr, K. Taylor, D. Mey, B. Smith, D.McEvoy, E. Yeoman USHERS am J.Ott, J. Young, L. Merrick B:15 0:45 am C.McGrew, S.Brey, D.J. Rinker, G. Miller HOMEBOUND COMMUNION B. Hendricks - S. Kerley B. Johnson - N. Knappenberger C.Ludwig - B.Lindsay D.Oden - J.Lindsay COMMUNION PREPARATION L.Bushey, S.Kerley, G.Brown COFFEE HOUR HOSTS Carole Overmyer **ACOLYTES** Noah Duncan & Megan McEvoy EXTENDED SESSION LEADER Kris Ohneck EVANGELISM CALLERS Team II - John Truesdell & Bob Smith LAY WORSHIP LEADERS B:15 am Julia Arnold 10:45 am Diane Mory Published weekly by First Christian Church 4800 S Cathoun Ft. Wayne, In. 46807

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am

CHURCH CALENDAR

Jean Sheets (18) Don Crouse(19) Richard Merrick(20) Heather Chapin (20) Walter Bowen(22) Steve Hall(22) Susan Rousseau(23)

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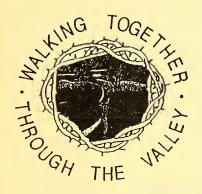
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YOUTH SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 21

This Sunday, our CYF, Chi Rho, Creative Arts, and Youth Handbell Choir will be leading us in worship. They have practiced many hours to present an uplifting service. The sermon is entitled "Late Great Teen Museum." You won't want to miss this service!



LENT - FEBRUARY 24 APRIL 11

This year our theme for Lent is "Walking Together Through The Valley," in which we will explore the different

dimensions of our faith as we walk through the valleys to the mountains of our lives. Lent is a time for introspection and reflection of our personal faith, and how we relate our faith to our lives in the larger community. Lent will begin on February 24 with an ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE at our church and progress for 40 days until Easter on April 11.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 24 - 7:30 P.M.

SUPPER - 6:00 P.M.

There will be a light soup and sandwich meal for people to eat together before the service. The food will be provided, and a free will offering taken to offset the cost.

LAST CHANCE to sign up for Taste of the Covenant this Sunday!

FROM HERE TO ZEHR

What to do! Lent is almost here and I haven't decided what I want to do to deepen my spiritual life for the next 40 days. I like Lent because there is a beginning, a middle, and an end to spiritual pilgrimage. Some years I will fast one day a week to help purify my body and help me be in with the hunger in the world. Sometimes I will give up something I enjoy doing eating donuts or chocolate) discipline helping to make room for God. Sometimes I'll read a book of meditations or a book of the Bible and give a special time for reflection and prayer.

What will you do during Lent to enrich your spiritual life? It's only 40 days, so go for it! Move out of your regular routine and let God grow and enrich your

life.

Peace,

Jerry

P.S. Now, don't shrug off my article, come on, decide to do something for your spiritual life this Lent. Maybe it's come to church and Sunday School every week during Lent!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to Dick and Erma Vanderwall in the recent birth of a new granddaughter!

Congratulations to Enin Proegler in the birth of a baby girl, Erica Analysa. John and Brenda Proegler are the proud grandparents, and Carole Davis is the proud great-grandmother!

Bud Ludwig is home from the

hospital.

Beverly Johnston is home from the hospital.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who remembered us in any way at the time of brother, Ornin R. Taylor's death, and during my hospital stay and also my recovery at home.

.. Your kindnesses are a great

blessing to us.

Don and Valetta Parlette

ACTIVE PARENTING - final class this Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

CYF and Chi Rho practice this Saturday, 3:00 p.m. Youth Handbells practice at 2:15 p.m.

Creative Arts will meet at 6:00 p.m.

NO YOUTH MEETING THIS SUNDAY

UPDATE ON "TASTE OF THE COVENANT" LENTEN PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUPS.

There is still one Sunday left to register for a "Taste of the Covenant" but so far there are nearly 40 registered. That means we will

have at least five groups meeting each week during Lent.

During our Ash Wednesday soup supper we will begin to acquaint you with how the process of this study will work. Each group will have a chance to quickly get together and talk about your first meeting and the Study Guides will be distributed. In addition, if your group would like to have one of the People of the Covenant persons meet with you the first time, they will be available to do that.

Look at this list and make sure that your name is included because two of our cards came in with dates checked off but NO NAMES. If your name is NOT on this list, please call Diane Zehr or Diane Johnson at

744-3239.

Larry & Sue Brey; Kathy Graham, Pat Mullen, Judy Church, Richard Mey, Opal Carper, Kris & John Ohneck, Kathy Blocher, Casey Clark, Donna McEvoy, Elinor & Ken Place, Elizabeth Dull, Charlotte Ewing, Lauren Ewing, Jerry Zimmerman, Mildred Hutchinson, Mildred Hartman, Jane Walsh, Deb Lehman, Jean & Charles McGrew, Janet Myers, Connie Long, Anne Shirley, Laura Bowser, Evelyn Yeoman, Ruth Truesdell, Micki Ann Suder, Dick & Erma Vanderwall, Mike & Laura McFarland, Anita Ellis, Helen Lobdell, and Linda & Richard Merrick.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Enclosed is the schedule for 1993 Summers' Camp and Conference Program to help you plan your summer activities and vacations.

See Jerry or Diane for further information and registration forms.

We're also looking for 4 adults who would be a counselor for one of the camp sessions. See Diane Zehr if you would be interested in this ministry with our young people.

"LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART"

Our Valentine's dance was a great success. A BIG THANK YOU to the Glenn Miller Band, Fellowship Committee, the D.M.A., decorations and food!

CAMP AND CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SUMMER, 1993

EXPLANATION	1 OF	LEVELS:

New BeginningsThose entering 3rd & 4th grades
Level IThose entering 5th & 6th grades
Level IIThose entering 7th & 8th grades
Level IIIThose entering 9th-12th grades

BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

New Beginnings	July 11–13 & July 22–2464.00
Level I	June 7-12; June 14-19 & August 9-14127.00
Level II	June 21-26, Music, Art, Drama
Level III	July 5-10 & August 2-7138.00

SPECIAL EVENTS: OFF-SITE CAMPS

	De	eadlines	Event Dates	Cost
Trail Camp	Ages 15-23	5/24	6/13-19	143.00
New Mexico	Completing grades 8-12	2 4/15	6/13-27	295.00
Music, Art, Drama-3	Entering grades 9-12	7/5	7/25-31	175.00
"Just Do It"	Completing grades 9-12	2 7/12	8/1-7	60.00

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D.M.A. NEWS

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ALSO....

The D.M.A. is sponsoring a baseball game trip to a Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds game on Wednesday, July 7 at 2:20 p.m. We've reserved a bus (46 passenger) for this trip. Please make your reservation with the church (744-3239) or with Dick Vanderwall (484-7878). The cost per person is \$30.00 for the bus, lunch, and lower terrace reserved seats.

Baseball Trip Chairman, Dick Vanderwall

A TIME TO SHARE!

This is to remind you that February 21 is Week of Compassion. Now is the time for you to help make a difference in the lives of our hungry, homeless, and oppressed neighbors around the world. Your contributions go to help support programs of Church World Service. Programs such as Food Production, Primary Health Care, Literacy and Job Training, and Water Resource Development. Please place your gifts in the special offering envelopes marked "Week of Compassion."

Thank you, Outreach & Service Committee

<u>DINNERS OF 8</u> will begin in March. Call the church office to sign up either as a participant or a host.

YOUTH SUNDAY

SERVING FEBRUARY 21 ELDERS

8:15 am YOUTH

10:45 am YOUTH

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 am YOUTH

10:45 am YOUTH

USHERS

8:15 am YOUTH

10:45 am YOUTH

COMMUNION PREPARATION

L. Bushey, S. Kerley, G. Brown COFFEE HOUR HOSTS Youth & Mary Wilhelm

ACOLYTES

Jamie Bushey & Holly Falbe EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Ken Taylor

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Jean & Charles McGrew

Team II - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 am YOUTH

10:45 am YOUTH

CANDIDATE - MENTOR PROGRAM

Meeting - February 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Candidates, Mentors, and Parents

Church Sanctuary

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 am Meeting for Candidates, Mentors, and Parents

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:15 am First Worship

9:30 am Church School

10:45 am Second Worship

6:00 pm Active Parenting

6:00 pm Creative Arts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 pm Committee Chairs

7:30 pm Committees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 pm Carillon

6:45 pm Jubilation Ringers

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS - FEB. 25 - MARCH 4

Roger Moll (25)

Eunice Conrad (25)

Dan Church (25)

Bill Chappell (26)

Cathy Katt (26)

Tim Briggs (28)

Carl Linn (1)

Bueford Tharp (1)

Barbara Busse (1)

Jerry Zimmerman (1)

Frank Moody (2)

Lee Baugher (2)

Tom Walsh (4)

Joe Snouffer (4)

Jim Davis (4)



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40 days of Lent begin today

The days begin to lengthen again and the Church prepares itself (and ourselves) to receive the new life that Easter gives us.

Throughout the thousands of

As on Ash Wednesday, we remember that "we are dust," yet we celebrate that by God's grace we have died in baptism and put on Jesus Christ.

years of being the Church, Christians have

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90 Lent gives us a time to look in the mirror and see what God sees

traditionally observed these 40 days leading up to Holy Week as a time of taking stock of the ourselves. practicing disciplines of our faith in study, prayer. and the practice charity.

and once more renew our life-giving commitment to our own baptisms into Jesus Christ. It is good to number (to count) these 40 days of preparation. Find your way to look at the man or woman you see in the mirror.

Special Sunday planned this weekend

This Sunday, Feb. 28, promises to be a great Sunday to bring a friend to church. Aubry Anderson will be our special musical guest.

He will sing a solo for both services and will join the choir for a Jester Hairston arrangement of "Amen," during the second service. Anderson has soloed throughout the tri-state area and will add his musical gift to our worship experience.

Pastor Jerry Zehr will give the sermon, "A Journey with Choices."

Invite a friend, as visitors are expected.

From Here to Zehr

Someone once said, "The older I become the less I know." Maybe I said it -- I don't know; however, the older I get, I lose my memory!

This is to say, the older I become the more I realize life, our spiritual journey is not filled with all easy yes or no answers to everything.

Things are not all black and white, but there are many gray areas we live in.

Truth is elusive at times and our desires to do "the right thing" is sometimes hard to know.

We find ourselves having mixed emotions and mixed motives for the things we do.

During Lent, I will explore some of the deeper emotions of desire, passion, grief, and courage that motivate our actions and spiritual life.

I hope you'll join me in this journey of the Soul.

In other news the pastor's desk, Youth Sunday was great!

I was proud to see over 30 youth participate as elders, deacons, choir members, and preachers.

Many thanks to Brian and Margaret Prechtl and Charlie and Teresa Hatten for their leadership in planning our Youth Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

Joys



Our prayers and with Nick and Alison Knappenberger as they were both involved in separate car accidents this past week.

Earl Plummer is in Lutheran Hospital -- Room 309

Kenneth Place will have surgery Thursday, Feb. 25 at St. Joe Hospital.

If you have a blessings to share or a prayer concern, please let one of the pastors or office staff know, so others can share in your joy or pray for your need.

CWF News

The CWF will have a short meeting in the Board room after the second service on Sunday, Feb. 28.

This meeting concerns the blueprints on the kitchen at Barbee.

Bring a friend this Sunday!!!

Youth Sunday a great success

WOW!!!

Youth Sunday went great!!!

This

Sunday and watch the video, so don't miss the fun.

A big thank you goes to Brian and Margaret Prechtl and Charlie and Teresa for their help in planning Youth Sunday.

The Creative Arts Choir was great Sunday, as well as the Youth hand bells. Thanks to Ellen Duncan, director

Creative Arts Choir and Hatten, director of the hand bells.

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parent/youth meeting will take place on March

For the first part of our meeting, we want all of the parents to come to talk about a possible work trip this summer and other items for discussions -- a dance, etc.

Parents' input needed March 7

If you have a youth in grades 4th through 12th, we would request your presence at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening, March 7.

We need to have a "Family Meeting" with parents and youth to talk about Summer plans and some other issues dealing with youth behavior in church we need your help with.

Ladies' retreat scheduled in March

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Invite someone to church this Sunday!

ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

SPONSORED BY CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HOSTED BY TRINITY ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHAT: World Day of Prayer

THEME: People of God - Instruments of Healing

WHEN: Friday, March 5, 1993

Registration: 10:30 Lunch: 12:00

Bible Study: 11:00 Worship Service: 1:00

WHERE: Trinity English Lutheran Church

405 West Wayne Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

(219) 426-3424 COST: \$5.00 per person

RESERVATIONS

Mail check, made payable to Church Women United to:

Marilyn Miller 5715 Chester Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46819 (219) 747-0042

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 1, 1993

Parking is available at Fairfield & Wayne. Free babysitting will be available at Trinity. Children must be signed up when you make your reservation. Please bring a sack lunch for your child. Drinks will be provided.

Dinners for Eight' starting soon

What are "Dinners for Eight?"

This is an opportunity for ndividuals to gather with other nembers of the congregation for an evening of food and cellowship.

You are invited to sign-up by calling the church office 744-3239), and you will be nvited to a host home for an evening supper and a chance to get to know some of the other

members of the church.

This is always a pitch-in dinner, so the food is great!

Sign-up now. This is a one time event in March.

After we have everyone who is interested sign-up, the Fellowship committee will let you know whose home you will be invited to for dinner.

Sermon Preview

"Walking Together Through the Valley" will be our theme for Lent this year. Each week, my sermon will explore a specific aspect of the journey we walk together to the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Following are the sermon titles and scriptures for the next six weeks:

ttention Seniors:

D.M.A. News

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Feb. 28

"A Journey with Courage"

-- Matt. 4:1-11

March 7

"A Journey with Desire"

-- John 4:5-15

March 21

"A Journey with Healing"

-- John 9:1-41

March 28

"A Journey with Grief"

-- Matt. 21:1-11

April 4

Palm Sunday: "A Journey with Passion"

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USHERS

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Young

10:45 am C. McGrew, B. Glasgow, E. Nordblom, G. Miller

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J. Ohneck - D. Mey

R. Krull - J. Mounsey

D. Kreischer - Jt. Myers COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jt. Myers, J. Myers, J. Mounsey
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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9:30 A.M. Church School 10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Prospective Members
Luncheon

6:00 P.M. Creative Arts

6:00 P.M. CYF and Chi Rho

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

12:00 NOON D.M.A. St. Patrick's Valentine Party

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle

5:30 P.M. Carillon

6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 5-11

Benjamin McCarel (5)

Cora Ann Harnish (7)

Jane Fisher (7)

Bob Orr (7)

Jerry Warner (8)

Kathleen Simon (10)

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"Feast" while you fast during Lent

During Lent, we usually focus on the aspect of giving up

something or "fasting" from something.

This year, let us "feast" while we fast, so that as we take away some of the destructive things that fill our lives, we will fill those places with positive attributes.

This Lent -- Fast from Criticism and Feast on Praise This Lent -- Fast from Self-pity and Feast on Joy This Lent -- Fast from Ill-temper and Feast on Peace This Lent -- Fast from Resentment and Feast on Contentment This Lent -- Fast from Jealousy and Feast on Humility This Lent -- Fast from Selfishness and Feast on Service This Lent -- Fast from Fear and Feast on Faith

By Arthur Lichtenberger

Sunday: "A Journey with Courage"

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courage? Do you wonder why people some "seem" to have Scripture: John 3: 1-12 lives. courage more others? than What does it entail to have courage?

Sunday,

This

explore Nicodemus' desire for courage and his how his story relates to our The choir will moving anthem, "I Wonder Why?" Our guest soloists will be

Jane Walsh and Deb Lehman.

From Here to Zehr

As we strive to emphasize our need to be more evangelistic in our ministry, striving to reach out to new and non-Christians, we need to look at the needs of the generations to come.

In the News Sentinel this past weekend, Clark Morphew gave us clues as to what is some the younger important to coming generation into the Church.

***Gymnasiums will be at least as important as sanctuaries, as nothing captivates this generation more than sports and fitness. This generation likes to stay fit.

***Friends are very important to this generation. Religious organizations should build events and group activities that will allow busters to gather with friends in unstructured settings.

***If there is one issue that will captivate this generation, it is the movement for a sustainable environment. They've seen the sky turn brown and the water become unfit for drinking, fishing or swimming. They understand the problems.

It's going to be tough, but it isn't impossible to reach this generation. Religion simply has to start thinking in a new way.

Peace, Jerry

Joys.



We thank God for 12 of our young people who are preparing for baptism and 12 adults who have agreed to be mentors to them through the candidates preparation.

We had five families at our luncheon for "Friends of the Church," which was for individuals looking for a church home.

Sunday. Last we had of the moving presentation Lord's prayer $\mathbf{b}\mathbf{y}$ Rosemary Krull and her friend Mary Lou Schepp. Aubrey Anderson was our guest soloist. He along with our choir had people tapping their toes. Each Sunday during Lent, we will have a different presentation of the Lord's prayer.

Congratulations to John and Kris Ohneck in the birth of a new grandson, Nicholas Taylor. He was born on Feb. 24 and weighed 7 pounds.

Please keep the following persons in your daily prayers: Earl Plummer, Lutheran; Kenneth Place, St. Joe; and Kyle Kerley, at home with a broken arm.





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buth to see Edge T.V.?!?

Have you seen Edge T.V.? If you come to youth group etings in March, you will see We might even make our own T.V. show!!!

Youth meetings are at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Bring a friend!!!

Parents' input needed March 7

If you have a youth in grades 4th through 12th, we would request your presence at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening, March 7.

We need to have a "Family Meeting" with parents and youth to talk about Summer plans and some other issues dealing with

andidates and Mentors to begin

For the fifth year, First pristian Church is sponsoring a centor program for young ersons in our congregation who be ready to learn about baptism of church membership.

have This year we indidates from 4th rough high school age. indidate has his or her own entor, an adult member of the ongregation, who meets with nem and helps them prepare for nis time. In addition, there are wo Saturday morning meetings hen candidates and mentors are ed in study by the Rev. Jerry ehr and the Rev. Diane Zehr nd Kris Ohneck, chairperson of Christian Education epartment.

Brenda Kelly is coordinator

of this experience. We are grateful for the marvelous work she does and the beautiful spirit in which she does this.

The candidates will be introduced to the congregation at our Maundy Thursday Worship Service. We look forward to their next steps of faith.

Please hold these candidates and the adults who work with them in prayer during this time.

Candidate meeting set

The Candidate-Mentor program will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. Candidates, mentors, and parents are invited to this class with the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

Family of six needs your help

Last week we had a client who represented a family of six and had been to the food bank each of the two previous months.

Both times before they had given their income as about \$1,000 earned through occasional casual work.

An income of \$1,000 a month at first glance looks like a good sum of money and you wonder why they are asking for help.

In fact, \$1,000 a

month is below the poverty line for a family of four, so a family of six has a real problem.

This month the family income is zero, and we can only provide food for five days.

We at the food bank can only hope that some agency of government will provide help, but the government moves slowly.

There is no point to this story and no answers that I know of, but things like

this bother me and I can't just forget it. Our supply of basic foods is good, and we are again getting government surpluss, so please give cake mixes, jello, pudding mix and personal items to help brighten these winter days.

Thanks!!!

P.S. Baby food is welcome, so if you have any your child has out grown, please bring it in.

Elders to meet

Don't forget! The Elders of the church will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9.

Volleyball this Sunday

In a rematch, First Christian Church will play First Christian Church of Auburn this Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. at West Creighton Christian Church, 845 West Creighton Ave.

The winners eat Pizza that the losers buy!!! Fans and players and encouraged to attend.

March 12-18 Birthdays

Florence Palmer (12) Jean Chappell (12)

Kevin Mory (12)

Scott Wright (12)

Mark Zimmerman (12)

Carole Overmyer (15)

Stephen Ludwig (15)

Bob Ogles (16)

George Bruckman (16)

Max Finkhousen (18)

Gordon Howell (18)

Brian Busse (18)

Happy Birthday to YOU!!!

Revelation is in the news

We are all hearing news reports this week of the events unfolding in Waco, Texas, as David Koresch,

leader of the Davidians' sect continues his stand-off with authorities.

His message
has included
many references to
the book of
Revelation, the last
book of the Bible.

You may have heard him say that he is trying "to open the seals" of destruction that will pave the way for

1,000 years of peace.

What is the meaning of the book of Revelation?

atrocities that are predicted in the book of Revelation? Will only 144,000 be saved?

the sect Sunday School Class his with book of Revelation

Do we understand it as a to the message churches of that time (first century Church) or this (twenty-first century church)? Does God

Does God work by causing disasters and Mark of the Beast?

Those are some of the questions we are asking as one of our studies the classes book of Revelation. We are meeting the Board Room each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Please join us! We welcome you. The Rev. Dane Zehr is the teacher.

Taste of the Covenant begins

Six groups of more than 50 Covenant members have begun to meet each of the six weeks of Lent for a time of study, sharing, and prayer.

We know it can make a difference in the lives of those who participate. We also are aware of what it can mean when 25 percent of our regular

worshipping community is in prayer together.

Groups are meeting Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings and Wednesday during the day.

May God richly bless this time and increase the faith in the life of our congregation.

We hope to see YOU this Sunday!

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8:15 am B. Crouse, K. Graham 10:45 am B. Franklin, C. Hatten

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8:15 am J. Young, J. Arnold, M. Arnold, G. Brown

10:45 am D. McEvoy, B. Kelly, S. Zimmerman, Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker, B. Smith, R. Moll, K. Bushey

USHERS

8:15 am J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson

10:45 am C. McGrew, D. McEvoy, H. Nordblom, C. Falbe

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Karen Bushey
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship 9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

6:00 P.M. Creative Arts

6:00 P.M. CYF and Chi Rho 6:00 P.M. Parent/Youth Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant at Prechtl's

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

6:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting

7:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant 7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

1:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant

6:30 P.M. Taste of the Covenant THURSDAY, MARCH 11

5:30 P.M. Carillon

6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

6:30 P.M. Taste of the Covenant

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

10:00 A.M. Candidates, Mentors, and Parents Meeting

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From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday, I used Stephen Covey's, "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." In my sermon I only mentioned the first three. The principals covey uses in his book and are effective habits that I believe capture a lot of the different images of what we call as Christians—"abundant living."

One: Be productive. Take responsibility for your feelings and actions. When we blame everyone and everything for our circumstances in life, we give our power away.

Two: Begin with the end in mind is the endowment of imagination and conscience.

Three: Put first things first is the endowment of will power.

Four: Think "win-win" is the endowment of an abundance mentality.

Five: Seek first to understand, and then to be understood.

Six: Synergize is the endowment of creativity.

Seven: Sharpen the saw is the unique endowment of continuous improvement of selfrenewal to overcome entropy.

I hope listing these seven habits and endowments will entice you to read the book. It's a good one!

Peace, Jerry Thank You!

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful feeling, to open an envelop and find there a banner full of names of beloved friends wishing us well in this new undertaking!

Thank you so much for thinking of us and communicating your kind thoughts and good wishes.

The possibility of becoming GMP is both a thrilling and terrifying prospect. Knowing that you are supporting me in thought and prayer will make all the difference.

Mindy, David and Laura join with me in saying thank you and we love you. We'll hope to get up to see you all again one day soon. In the meantime, it's pretty crazy here!

Blessings on you all! Richard "Dick" Hamm

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls during my recent illness.

--Pauline Snyder

Candidate-Mentor Program
Class meeting
11:30 a.m. — March 13

Prayer Vigil sign-up starts Sunday

The Prayer Vigil chart will be available for sign-up Sunday, March 14.

The Prayer Vigil begins at 6 a.m. on Good Friday and will continue through 6 a.m. on Easter

morning in time for the Sunrise service.

There are spaces for people to sign up for prayer and meditation and other spaces to sign up to be a guard at the door.

Considering Christ's sacrifice for us, it seems only fitting that we should be willing to sacrifice an hour or two for prayer.

Please sign-up this Sunday.

Yes, 9'd like to order an faster potted plant

Easter Lily \$8.75 How many? Tulip \$8.75 How many? Hyacinth \$8.75 How many?

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Please make checks payable to First Christian Church and mark it for "Easter Plant". Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.



FOOD BANK SYSTEM

602 East Wayne Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802 (219) 422-3528 LENT 1993
LOAVES & FISHES
COLLECTION

Ash Wednesday begins on February 24th. Our Goal is to collect 3,000 lbs. of canned fish by Easter, April 11, 1993.

Remember the miracle of the story as told in John 6:1-14. The simple sacrifice from the young lad of his lunch of two fish and five small loaves of bread fed over 5,000 people and still there was food left over. So it is with our cans of fish and loaves of bread. The little each of us gives can feed so many hungry people in Fort Wayne.

CALL THE TOTAL POUNDS OF
CANNED FISH COLLECTED TO THE
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ESPECIALLY NEEDED ARE: CANS of TUNA MACKERAL SALMON

Sunday: A Journey with Desire

What is a desire of yours?

Have you ever had a

life or moves you to action?
Sunday we will explore the desires of

longing of the heart (desire) for John 4: 5-26 (27-42)

desires of the heart.

something or
someone?

choir will sing a special anthem and Diane Mory will be our guest soloist.

What desire motivates your

Volunteers needed in food bank

If you have been thinking about volunteering in our food bank or this work interests you, this would be a great time to begin this ministry.

On Wednesday, March 31, we will have a luncheon to give information about how to effectively serve the needs of persons who come in to the food bank for help.

If you would like to attend the

luncheon to see how this works or to sign-up to volunteer, please call the church office and let us know, so we can count you in for lunch. For more information, call Diane Zehr.

Ladies enjoy weekend retreat

We did what we had the power to do, and 21 women of First Christian and friends had a powerful and fun weekend together at Barbee Christian Camp.

We laughed, ate, studied, played, and enjoyed the beautiful winter weather.

Thanks to our Christian's Women's Fellowship for hosting this event.

March 19-25 Birthdays

Vincent Wells (19)

Ruby Mowery (20) Pauline Auer (20)

Lou Simmons (22)

Tom Banet (22)

Pearl Heidecker (22)

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John Glasgow (24)

Freda Flaugh (25)

Rosemary Krull (25)

Christie Glasgow (25)

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Youth to eat Sardines?

Sardines! Sardines! We will eat or play Sardines this Sunday and watch a little Edge T.V.

Dave Rinker, Dan Moll, and Brian Prechtl -- Please don't forget. This Sunday you are to sign-up to be at the Strings and Stars sign-up table at 9 a.m.

Shannon, Kaylie, and Teresa will be at the Strings and Stars table on Sunday, March 21.

Strings and Stars, please keep Sunday, March 28 open for the show. We need everyone's help.

Do you want to go to an Indian Reservation for a week in June? The cost will be \$295.

Volleydons win with crazy play

It was close!!! I mean real close, but with the great spiking of Dan Moll, serving like Sean Spencer, in which he hit the ball so well it went into the basket hoop on the other team's side.

Then there was the great play that won the second game for us, where Dick Mey and Jennifer Mounsey collided and distracted the other team. Good work! It was a two out of three match with First Christian Church in Auburn.

We WON!!!

Our next match is April 4.

There is some scholarship money. Please see Jerry if interested.





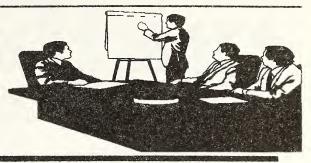
We want to celebrate with Jean and Charles Mcgrew in the dedication of their new granddaughter, Karri Fay Mathis, this last Sunday in church.

We want to thank Deb Lehman for her presentation of the Lord's Supper. Also, thanks goes to Jane Walsh who joined her for a beautiful duet.

We want to welcome Mickieann Suder and her two sons, Charles and Billy, who joined the church this last Sunday.

Please keep in your prayers...Ruby Mowery in the death of her step-grandson last week. Also, please pray for Don Parlette, who is in the old Lutheran Hospital, and Carl Linn who is in Parkview. Our prayers are also with Ruth Yentes in the death of her sister, Vera Krill. Please also keep Bob Smith in your prayers, as he is in Lutheran.

Upcoming Events



Flower seeds to be given out

The Evangelism Committee will be distributing flower seeds in a neighborhood near the church, Saturday, March 27, 1993.

If you would be willing to

give one hour of your time Saturday morning at 9 a.m., please call the church office, 744-3239 or Judy Church, 447-5691.

Summer trip planned to Honduras

There will be another Honduras trip this summer, July 9-19, organized through the Christian Commission for

Development. Total cost is \$1,200. If interested, contact Nick Knappenberger or Jerry Zehr immediately.

Strings & Stars given reminder

Have you been thinking of a joke or a story you could tell? Would you be willing to sing a song or read a poem? Whatever it is - call the church office and put your name on the list!

Candidate meeting set

The Candidate-Mentor program will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 13. Candidates, mentors, and parents are invited to this class with the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

P.R.C. Committee to meet

Jerry's P.R.C. Committee meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 15. Members of this committee are John Kelly, Roger Moll, Mildred Hartman, Evelyn Yeoman, and Bud Ludwig.

SERVING MARCH 14 ELDERS

am M. Hartman, B. Hendricks 10:45 am E. Vanderwall, J. Kelly DIACONATE & GREETERS

am Jt. Myers, J. Myers, B. 8:15 Lindsay, J. Lindsay

10:45 am L. Brey, S. Brey, K. Taylor, J. Bushey, D. Mey, D. Orr, E. Yeoman, L. Bushey

USHERS J. Ott, L. Merrick, D. 8:15 am Graham

10:45 am C. McGrew, S. Brey, D.J. Rinker, H. Banet

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8:15 am

10:45 am Kelly Walsh

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SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship 9:30 A.M. Church School

Second Worship 10:45 A.M.

Creative Arts 6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. CYF and Chi Rho

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Taste of the Covenant 7:00 P.M. at Prechtl's

Jerry Zehr's PRC 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Rachel Circle 9:30 A.M.

Constitution Review Comm. 6:30 P.M.

Taste of the Covenant 7:00 P.M.

Sarah Circle 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Taste of the Covenant P.M. 1:00

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THURSDAY, MARCH 18 Carillon 5:30 P.M.

6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers

Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M.

Taste of the Covenant 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

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Assembly/Synod to meet:

Summer gathering set for July 15-20

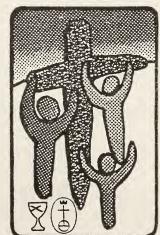
Once every two years our denomination comes together for a General Assembly when we will worship, study, celebrate life and

elect and install a new General Minister and President, the pastor and administrative leader of our denomination.

Dr. Richard Hamm, previous pastor of First Christian Church, will be the nominee, so many of us are planning to go this summer to celebrate this event in his life and the life of our whole church.

Approximately 12,000 Disciples and United Church of Christ members will

PARTNERS for the GLORY of GOD



hold combined worship on Sunday when the famous Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Capetown, South Africa

will be preaching.

If you're interested in going, you may get registration forms and housing information from the church office.

We urge you to do it soon because housing is at a premium given the large number of Assembly/Synod goers this year.

This time is always inspirational and gives you a great chance to see the whole church at work together.

From Here to Zehr

Last Saturday I met with our candidates for baptism and their mentors. It was very touching to see different adults who were not related to these people take time to nurture, talk and share some of their insights about life, faith and God.

Mentoring is very important for each of us to do with new Christians and people who are searching for a deeper relationship with God.

When I share in a baptism with a new Christian, I find myself remembering my baptismal experience -- the excitement and nervousness I had on that day. It was a great day, everyone was especially nice to me and my parents were really proud of me.

I started to think maybe all of the things the preacher had said about being a new person was right. I wasn't going to cuss and lie anymore, and I really would begin to help old ladies cross the street; however. the next day came and brother did something that made mad. so out came those X!#%&@ out of my mouth.

Life was back to its old self. Being reborn spiritually is a lot harder than the way the minister explained it to me.

Lent is a time to remember and reclaim our baptismal vows. What do you remember about YOUR baptism? Did you fall away like me? Do you thirst for a deeper relationship with God?

Come to worship and renew. refresh, and recommit your life to Jesus Christ.

May we continue to support our mentors and candidates for baptism during this Lenten season.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Peace. Jerry

Sunday: A Journey with Healing

We all experience brokenness in our lives.

Where do you find healing those for wounds?

healing? Find some answers this Sunday and more by bringing a

John 9: 1-41

friend or family member this Sunday to church. Tt.

It seems like some of us carry old wounds that never heal. How do we experience could change your life and maybe someone else's too. Ginny Johnson will be our guest soloist.

Volunteers needed in food bank

If you have been thinking about volunteering in our food bank or this work interests you, this would be a great time to begin this ministry.

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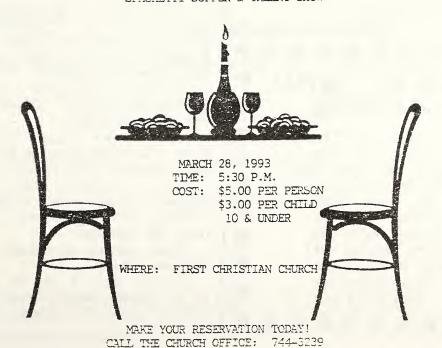
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Young adult retreat set

young adult retreat has been scheduled for the weekend of May 21-23, 1993, at Central Christian Church (DOC) Indianapolis.

The Rev. Dave Carson, minister social concerns, will be the keynote speaker.

Cost for the weekend is \$25 for a single or \$40 a couple.

Persons attending the retreat bring munchies something to drink for Friday night.

Persons should also bring the following: A sleeping bag, white socks, which will be donated to a clinic, board games, cards, etc.,

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Edwin Hall (27)

Lelia Arnos (28) James Buchanan (28)

Linda Hendrickson (28)

Pat Booher (29)

Sylvia Smith (29)

Connie Wells (30)

Chris Murray (30)

Gladys Harshbarger (1)

Paul Yentes (1)

Adam Falbe (1)



Our sympathy is extended to Shannon Lutz in the recent death of her step-bother-inlaw.

Let's the also keep in following persons in prayers this week: Mary Wilhelm is having cataract surgery this week. George Davis is patient at Parkview Hospital. Bob Smith has returned home Lutheran however, let's remain in prayer for him.

Also. let's remember Linn, as he is a patient at and Parkview Hospital Don Parlette who is a patient at the old Lutheran Hospital.

Please remember Mary Novachcoff whose father in Texas had a stoke.

Let us not forget Kenneth Place who is recovering at home after having hip surgery.

Let us rejoice that both Thelma Onion and Pauline home Snyder have returned from the hospital.

Kyle Kerley is also following tests.

If you have a joy to share or a prayer concern, call the church today at 744-3239.

Prayer Vigil sign-up starts Sunday

The Prayer Vigil chart sign-up began last Sunday. Did you remember?

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"Easter Plant". Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Church Camp: A Wise Investment

The up-coming summer will provide our youth with many choices as to how to spend their vacation time.

Their choices are unlimited.

When considering summer opportunities your child, we invite you to consider one such event as a major investment in your child's future. That investment church camp. Consider it a spiritual one.

Hundreds of today's church lay leaders and clergy have testified that many of the seeds of their faith were rooted deeper at summer church camp.

Church camping gives our youth the opportunity experience a variety of facets of living within wider а

community in the out-of-doors.

What does church camp have to offer youth?

How about swimming, boating

Christ. Camps designed for youth entering grade three and older.

The Commission Camps of the on Christian Church in

Indiana has YOULH NEWS worked hard during the last several years to design a program to meet the many needs of campers--social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. Also, importantly, most camp church FUN!!!

> Let's try not to think of church camp this summer as iust another event to choose from, but as a tool for our youth to build spiritual foundations for life.

> Church Camp isn't just an event...it's a future.

Call the church office or see Diane or Jerry Zehr for registration forms.



CAMPS AND CONTERENCES 1993

(at Lake Barbee). crafts. music. hiking, cook-outs, worship, creative Bible and spiritual instruction. organized recreation. natural environment and counselors dedicated to witnessing their faith Jesus

Retreat

vegetables for Stone Soup, a Bible, a smile and a friend.

Those who attend will serve

lunch on Saturday at a soup kitchen or mission.

For registration information, please contact the church office.

Jpcoming Events



Everyone is invited:

Area I board to meet March 29

The New Church Area I Board meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at First Christian Church in Auburn.

Dr. Ed Weisheimer, our regional minister, will be at this meeting to discuss with members from the different congregations, "Where we go from here."

There will be discussion

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6:00 P.M. CYF and MONDAY, MARCH 22

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TUESDAY, MARCH 23

7:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant

7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs

7:30 P.M. Committees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

1:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant 6:30 P.M. Taste of the Covenant

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

5:30 P.M. Carillon

6:45 P.M. Jubilation Ringers

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:00 P.M. Taste of the Covenant FRIDAY, MARCH 26

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From Here to Zehr

Diane and I finally did it! We really did! We've been talking about it for over a year, but we kept putting it off.

We knew we needed to do it, but it was just making it a

priority in our lives.

We were a little apprehensive. How would we use it? Would it

be worth our money?

Yes, that's right....a COMPUTER!!! Now for those who already have one this probably doesn't seem like a big deal, but to those of us who have been in the dark ages of scribbling on a pad of paper, it's great!

As I always like to do, I reflected on the deep meaning this has for our lives. I realized how hard I resisted learning to

use a computer.

It seemed so complicated-

foreign to my way of doing things, but like all things in life, we are continued to be challenged to expand our horizons and learn new ways of doing things.

If the church is to be a viable influence in society, we will need to adjust and use the new innovations that God has

given us.

We need to be open not just to computers, but to other creative ways of doing things whether in worship or other areas of the church.

Exit and Escape, .

P.S. Exit and Escape are computer slang...Oh, I'll get the hang of it.

Sunday: A Journey with Death

This Sunday the Chancel Choir will sing, "Lift Up Your Heads O'Ye Gates," accompanied by the Handbell Choir at both services with the Handbells playing an additional piece.

Jamie Bushey will present a special version of the Lord's Prayer in dance.

The Rev. Jerry Zehr will explore the story of Jesus

John 11: 1-45 bringing back from the dead and how this

story may relate to our lives today.

The service hopes to be especially uplifting, and we hope you will attend.

Bring a friend!!!

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Attention all youth!!!

Saturday at 9 a.m., when we will need your help in the delivery of seeds to the neighborhood and the the fellowship hall for Strings

Everyone needs to be at the church by 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, with a white shirt or blouse and dark pants on to be waiters and waitresses at

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Birthdays

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Sylvia Engle (3)

Wes Westerfield (4)

Anne Shirley (5)

Genevieve Ripple (6)

Reba Fusselman (6)

Scott Keebortz (6) Donald Kampenga (9)

Linda Cobb (9)



Please remember George Davis in your prayers as he is at Parkview Hospital.

Let's rejoice that Kyle Kerley is now at home.

Let us continue to keep Carl Linn in our prayers, as he is in Parkview Hospital.

Don Parlette remains in the old Lutheran Hospital. Cards letters still аге appreciated.

Thomas Marge recuperating in Florida Please keep her surgery. your thoughts.

Earl Plummer is now home, but please remember him in your prayers.

Mary Wilhelm is now home, as is Thelma Onion. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Pauline Snyder is also home. Let's continue to keep her in our prayers.

Our sympathy is extended to John and Brenda Kelly in the death of Brenda's mother last week.

If you have a joy to share or a prayer concern, please call the church office today at 744-3239.

The Food Bank needs your help

If you have been thinking about volunteering in our food bank or this work interests you, this would be a great time to begin this ministry.

On Wednesday, March 31, we will have a luncheon to give information about how to effectively serve the needs of persons who come in to the food bank for help.

If you would like to attend the

luncheon to see how this works or to sign-up to volunteer, please call the church office and let us know, so we can count you in for lunch. For more information, call Diane Zehr.

Young adult retreat set May 21-23

A young adult retreat has been scheduled for the weekend of May 21-23, 1993, at Central Christian Church (DOC) in Indianapolis.

The Rev. Dave Carson, minister of social concerns, will be the keynote speaker.

Cost for the weekend is \$25 for a single or \$40 a couple.

Persons attending the retreat should bring munchies and something to drink for Friday night.

Persons should also bring the following: A sleeping bag, white socks, which will be donated to a clinic, board games, cards, etc., vegetables for Stone Soup, a Bible, a smile and a friend.

Those who attend will serve lunch on Saturday at a soup kitchen or mission.

For registration information, please contact the church office.

F.C.C. to participate in Neighborhood Fair

First Christian Church will again be participating in the South Fort Wayne Neighborhoods Fair at Southtown Mall April 2 and 3, 1993.

Pictures and photographs of members and activities will be displayed.

If you have any you would

like to contribute, please turn them into the church office or call Judy Church.

If you would like them returned to you, please be sure to sign your name on the back.

Thanks for your help and be sure to stop by the display during the Fair.

Prayer Vigil sign-up starts Sunday

The Prayer Vigil chart sign-up began Sunday, March 14. Did you remember?

The Prayer Vigil begins at 6 p.m. on Good Friday and will continue through 6 a.m. on Easter

morning in time for the Sunrise service.

There are spaces for people to sign up for prayer and meditation and other spaces to sign up to be a guard at the door.

Considering Christ's sacrifice for us, it seems only fitting that we should be willing to sacrifice an hour or two for prayer.

Please sign-up this Sunday.

Yes. 9'd like to order an faster potted plant

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Please make checks payable to First Christian Church and mark it for "Easter Plant". Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Strings & Stars this Sunday night

Strings & Stars will be this Sunday starting at 5:30 p.m. If you have not made a reservation, you may still call the church office (744-3239) this week.

We have over

reservations. You won't want to miss all of the fantastic acts.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The meal includes salad, spaghetti, bread, pie, and a drink.

Regional Minister addresses church

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Dear Indiana Disciple Families: Greetings and peace.

It's not too early to be making plans for the summer. One of our members, who operates a farm and garden equipment business, told me that she sold two lawn mowers just the other day. So, before long, we can put away the snow

shovels and get out the garden tools. What I want to do now is plant a seed that might grow into a summer camp or conference experience.

There will be 22 different camps and conferences beginning with third grade through high school. We have an interesting variety of

opportunities for young people to experience Christian fellowship and cultivate their faith. I can testify personally that summer camp was very instrumental in the development of my life in coming to know and understand God's call. Many young people relate that they had their first

religious awakenings and felt God's claim on their lives in the midst of summer camp.

We have excellent facilities in Indiana for outdoor experiences. We also have some special opportunities for young people to engage in some work/study camp experiences. We are blessed that many adults give of

their time and talents to help shape these experiences.

invite you encourage your youth and children to take part in this excellent program. Our theme is "We Are this year Created God's In Image." It will be a way for children and

young people to sense the sacredness of life. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions or want additional information about the summer program.

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Sincerely in Christ, C. Edward Weisheimer

Upcoming Events



Area I board to meet March 29

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Vaught would like to hear from church

Our recent stay in Florida included a visit with Edna Vaught. She is doing well, but misses hearing from her friends at First Christian.

She still considers First as

"her" church and all of us as part of her family. She sends her love to us all. I know she would be delighted to hear from us as Easter approaches.

-Bill & Joan Franklin

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

9:00 am Seed Distribution

10:00 am Candidates, Mentors, & Parents Meeting

and luncheon

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:15 am First Worship

9:30 am Church School

10:45 am Second Worship

5:30 pm Strings & Stars

MONDAY, MARCH 29

6:30 pm Area I Board Meeting at Auburn

7:00 pm Taste of the Covenant at Prechtl's

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 pm Taste of the Covenant

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

11:15 am Luncheon for food bank

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volunteers

1:00 pm Taste of the Covenant

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From Here to the "Other" Zehr

Well, it's 11:30 a.m. on Monday morning, so I think Jerry, Charlie, Jim and Brian should be just arriving in Myrtle Beach.

They left last night RIGHT after Strings and Stars and drove straight through so they could get in a round of golf today too.

Strings and Stars (our youths' spaghetti dinner and talent show) was great fun even though the Fellowship Hall will probably smell like garlic for the

next month.

Thanks to all who worked and played to make it happen.

Jerry will be arriving back in Fort Wayne this Friday, and in the meantime, I'll be covering our pastoral needs for this week while he's away.

It will be good to be together this Sunday as we celebrate the beginning of Holy Week together.

Enjoy the Sun & the Son, Diane

Sunday: Parades, Palms & Passion

This Sunday service will lead us through the beginning of that first Holy Week from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in celebration through the Passion of His betrayal and crucifixion.

There will be special music by our Creative Arts Children and Kirk

Jesus' Matt. 21: 1-11 and Kirk Spencer as well as our choir.

The Revs. Jerry and Diane Zehr will be preaching.

Candidates, Mentors issued reminders

Candidates and Mentors will be attending the Sacrificial Breakfast and Service, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, April 3.

Then on April 8th, Maundy Thursday, the Candidates will give their Confession of Faith. Candidates and Mentors should meet in the Narthex at 6:30 p.m. The Prayer Chain will begin on Good Friday, April 9, starting at 6 p.m. and will continue through Sunday, April 11 until 6 a.m.

Then on Easter Sunday, April 11, Candidates and Mentors will participate in the Baptism and Membership time. Each should meet in the Narthex by 10:15 a.m.

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The South Side of Fort Wayne is a good place to live, work and worship.

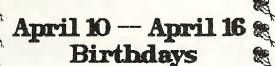
Please don't forget to stop by our booth at Southtown Mall this weekend, April 2 and 3, where many organizations (including First Christian) will be exhibiting news and information about the good things that are available on the south side.

Thank you given

With love and appreciation, we thank all of you who remembered us during the recent death of our mother Nova Esarey. We are blessed to have a church family that is so loving and caring.

God Bless all of you.

--Brenda and John Kelly



Charles Ludwig (10) Betty Grimm (10)

Becky Glasgow (12)

Adam Hayes (12)

Bud O'Laughlin (13)

Phyllis Tobias (13)

Josie Quick (13)

Golden Rose (14)

Margaret Prechtl (14) Fern Strole (14)

Ruth Yost (15)

John Weyer (16)

Diane Freimuth (16)

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Please remember Bill DeVinney in your prayers as he had back surgery this week at Parkview Hospital.

Bill Crouse is under observation at Lutheran Hospital.

Don Parlette still can use cards and letters, as he remains in the old Lutheran Hospital.

Please give a special welcome to Marge Thomas, as she and Art will be arriving in Fort Wayne this weekend.

Those who are recuperating are Connie Wells at University Nursing Home and Carl Linn at Brighton Hall Nursing Home in New Haven.

Those recovering at home are Earl Plummer, Thelma Onion, Pauline Snyder, George Davis and Kyle Kerley. Please keep them in your prayers.

Fish, crackers, money needed

We still have a chance to help the Associated Churches reach its goal of 3,000 pounds of fish by Easter.

so far, but our

3,000 Families share of the pounds is 300 pounds. Individuals

in First Time not for someone Eastern Repeats Africa or Europe, but will be Est. Meals distributed through distributed First Christians' own food bank to people in our neighborhood.

been Most of what has received so far has already been distributed.

On the next two Sundays.

please bring as much fish and crackers as you can.

when you are at the grocery store and you forget to buy fish

contributed about 30 pounds Food Bank Report crackers, please mark an envelope. 57 Bank," and add cash or a check and put it

202 or a check to plate. We will be glad to 40 shop for you. As a matter of fact, cash 3030 contributions always welcome at the

Food Bank. we think of Christ's sacrifice for us is this asking too much?

--Wes Westerfield

Easter Offering to help missionaries

He is He Lives! risen. These are the words that ring out over and over again as we experience resurrection in lives. own know Disciples, we Good cannot be contained. as we must share it with the world.

Easter The Special Day Offering for Basic Mission

an Finance opportunity for 115 This to do that. year's emphasis features the work of the Division of Overseas Ministries--the general unit of our church supervises the work of 88 missionaries in 32 countries.

These missionaries share the Good News as they preach, teach, heal, counsel and enable people around the world to create for lives hetter Please themselves. give generously to the Easter Special Day Offering on April 4 and 11.

for Thank you and support your commitment.

--Outreach & Service Committee

Sacrificial Luncheon scheduled April 3

Everyone is invited to join C.W.F. for a sacrificial luncheon at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 3.

This meal of broth crackers is traditionally eaten in silence as we contemplate the coming Holy Week and is followed

by worship in the chapel.

C.W.F. will have a brief business meeting in the board room immediately following the worship service.

Call the church office for

reservations.

Helping Hand gives assistance

A part of the budget of our church includes an item in our outreach budget called. Helping Hand Fund." This money used when there is emergency need for a person or family that cannot afford such things as a repair, a utility bill, a medical bill, etc.

This year has been difficult for many and requests for this kind of special assistance have been great. Most of the requests come from our own church members.

We want you to know we can help to some extent, and we do as needs are made known. You can make that possible.

If you are able to make a special donation to the Helping Hand Fund, please know that those who find themselves in a situation of need will find hope and grace by your care. Please make checks out to First Christian Church. Make a note that the money goes to the Helping Hand Fund.

Committee thanks volunteers

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the distribution of flower seeds last Saturday: Leo Heimann, Cindy Farr, Thelma Onion, Josie Quick, Kristie Howard, D. J. Rinker, Justin Beckwith, Frank Beckwith, Fran Beckwith, Jo Franklin, Bill Franklin, Chandra Duncan, Kaylie Duncan, Shannon Stroik, Megan McEvoy, Dustin McEvoy, Derrick Farr, and Kris Ohneck.

A special thanks to Jack and Bobbie Lindsay for their donation of CUSTOM POLY plastic bags.

--Evangelism Committee: Betty Grimm, Woody Klepfer, Judy Church, Donna McEvoy, Bob Smith, and Evelyn Yeoman.

Easter Plant donations

Hendricks & Mary Love --In honor of their friends at First Christian Church.

Jim & Barbara Bond -- In memory of their grandmothers.

John & Kris Ohneck -- In memory of Dan Perrey.

Michael P. Piatt -- In memory of Mary C. Piatt.

Glenn & Lola Miller -- In memory of their parents, son-in-law, and grandson.

Dick & Judy Mey -- In memory of Judy's father, Charles Laughlin, and Dick's mother, Elizabeth Jones.

Bob & Bev Hendricks -- In memory of Bob's parents and Bev's father.

Frank & Fran Beckwith -- In memory of Della McClellan and Marian Barnett.

Mary Wilhelm -- In memory of Pete and Jolene.

Gene & Eileen Klepfer --In memory of their parents.

Donna McEvoy -- In memory of her brothers, Steve and Max.

Thelma Onion -- In memory of her husband, Cecil Onion.

Roger & Kim Gross -- In memory of Roger's mother and Kim's father.

Ruth & Paul Yentes -- In memory of Ruth's sister and brother.

Mary King -- In memory of

Terry & Lorie King.

Ralph & Judy Church -- In memory of Nick Keirn,

John and Jo Weyer -- In memory of their families.

Doyle and Bobbi Dawe -- In memory of their parents.

Charlie Hatten -- In memory of Bert Leversee.

Charles & Jean McGrew -- In memory of Jean's mother.

Kirk & Lynn Spencer -- In memory of Lindsey Spencer.

Lillian Busse -- In memory of Art and Mel Busse, and Mr. and Mrs. King.

Grant and Jessie Fern Woodward -- In memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley, and a good friend, Jeanne Feltenberger.

Ed and Sue Allen -- In memory of Greg Allen.

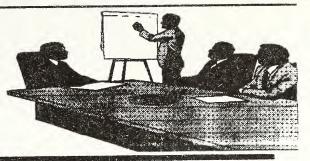
Wanda Ingmire and Greg Hamm -- In memory of Carolyn Ripple Bernhard and Merwyn Hamm, Jr.

Debbie L. White -- In memory of all friends and family -- "miss you".

Other donations were made by the following families listed below:

> Estel and Lori Vandergriff Carolyn McFarland Gene and Anne Shirley Harold and Edna Nordblom

Upcoming Events



D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) to meet

The D.M.A. will meet next Tuesday, April 6 at 12 noon for a potluck luncheon.

After the luncheon, Dick Vanderwall will inform us on what happened this year at the State Legislature.

This is the long-term for the Legislature from January through March.

He will give us a first hand report about something we should all know more about. Hope to see you there!

Attention: CYF & CHI RHO

We have been lucky to purchase 20 tickets to the production of the Living Cross at the Calvary Temple on Saturday, April 3.

We have heard only great things about this production. If you

have the afternoon off, please meet us at First Christian at 1:15 p.m., and we will drive up to Calvary together.

Call the church or Margaret Prechtl (745-2245) to reserve your ticket, which costs \$5.

Tickets will be sold first come -- first serve.

We only have 20 tickets, so make your call today!

There will be no youth group or Creative Arts on Sunday, April 4.

Elders to meet

Elders will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13. The Board of Trustees will then meet at 7:30 p.m.

Pecans for sale

Do you need to purchase pecans for your Easter baking? C.W.F. still has some to sell. See Evelyn Yeoman if you're interested.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 am CWF Sacrificial

1:15 pm CYF & Chi Rho meet at the church to go to the

Living Cross at Calvary Temple

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SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:15 am First Worship 9:30 am Church School

10:45 am Second Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 pm Taste of the Covenant at Prechtl's

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck

7:00 pm Taste of the Covenant

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

1:00 pm Taste of the Covenant

6:30 pm Taste of the Covenant

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

1:00 pm Community Good Friday Service at Grace-St.

John's, 4120 S. Webster

6:00 pm Prayer Chain begins

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"The In-Quest" to be presented

"The In-Quest", a dramatic presentation written by the Rev. Jerry Zehr, will explore the lives of Judas, Peter, and Pontius Pilot and the decisions they made in relationship to Jesus. This will be presented on Maundy Thursday, April 8, at 7 p.m..

The service will also include an instrumental quintet playing, "Gethsemene," a musical creation

by Brian Prechtl.

The First Christian Chancel Choir will be singing an encore performance of the song, "I Wonder Why," and Holy Communion will be offered to all who attend.

A Community Worship Service has been planned on Good Friday, April 9. The service will take place at Grace St. John's United Church of Christ, 4120 S. Webster. There will be a joint choir of churches on the south side and clergy from the area churches will be leading us in a service of remembrance.

Then on Easter, April 11, a

Sunrise Service has been scheduled at 6:30 a.m.

Come and then join us for an Easter Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. There will be a free-will donation taken for the breakfast.

Then at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, the Chancel Choir will sing an anthem entitled, "Easter Fanfare" with Organ, Synthesizer and Timpani.

The Rev. Zehr will be giving an Easter message entitled, "The Resurrection Band."

Please don't forget!

***The Church and Community Task Force meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 with Dr. Carl Dudley and Mike Matters.

***The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13. The Elders will meet prior to this meeting at 6 p.m.

From Here to Zehr

Who needs Money?

Last Sunday services were really moving thanks to everyone who made them possible.

I hope you'll be able to attend our Maundy Thursday service this year.

In other church news, we've arrived at the end of three months, and we are about \$5,000 under from what was pledged for this time period.

It is never one or two individuals who are not giving anything, but it is more of a number of us missing a week or two of our giving that causes us to be under our projected income.

It's amazing with over 200 giving units how if a number of us miss a Sunday and decide not to catch-up on our pledge how it can really put the church in financial trouble.

You will be getting your quarterly statements next week. Please look and see where your giving is compared to your pledge.

If you are current -- thank you for your support. If not, we need your help if you can afford it.

Peace, Jerry

Joys



Congratulations to Amy and Jim Jenkins, as they are the proud new parents of Ryan Patrick born on March 31, 1993. Sam and Barb Hayes are the grandparents!

Please remember John Hechler in your prayers as he is in St. Joe Hospital.

Don Parlette still can use cards and letters, as he remains in the old Lutheran Hospital.

Mildred Hutchinson has returned home, after having foot surgery. Please keep here in your prayers.

Please let the church office know if you have a Joy or a Concern.

You're invited...

Melissa Ann Orr and Scott Andrew Miller together with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Orr and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Miller invite you to share in the celebration when they exchange marriage vows on Saturday, May 1, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, Fort Wayne.

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Thank You!

Thank you for the plants, cards, gifts, visits, and prayers. Each one is very special and has helped a lot during my recovery.

--George Davis

Thank you to Jerry and Diane for their prayers and visits. Thanks for the many prayers, cards, and phone calls from the church family while I was in the hospital and recuperating at home.

--Kenneth and Elinor

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Strings & Stars a huge success!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Strings and Stars a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

We made a little over \$500 for our trip to the General Assembly this summer. By the way, our trip to St. Louis is July 16-18. We will be able to attend some of the

assembly and some special youth workshops. A youth dance on Saturday night also has been planned. On Sunday, we will go to Six Flags! Mark it on your calendar!

Don't forget, our dance will start at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25.

You can bring a friend. There will be a live D.J.

No Youth or Creative Arts Choirs will meet this Sunday, however, they will meet on April 18 at 6 p.m.

BRAVO to our Creative Arts Choir. They did a great job singing in church this last Sunday.

F.C.C. Food Bank explained

One last reminder: Please bring bring cans of fish and crackers next Sunday for our food bank.

I'm not going to ask for food anymore today, but I will try to explain the operation of your food bank.

First, we get food from four sources:

The first is donations from you and members of other churches in the area.

The second is the Associated Churches warehouse. This food is purchased with money from government grants, private sources, and donations from churches.

The third source is government surplus food distributed by the Associated

Churches.

And the last source is the purchases we make with donated money.

Bread and other items we find on special sale are bought with these donations. We also obtain items from the Community Harvest Food Bank, for which we pay a 12 cents a pound maintenance fee.

Secondly, we distribute the food to clients in our designated area.

We are currently working at providing a more balanced diet. We are required to limit clients visits to once every 30 days.

We invite you to visit anytime. Your help either as a worker or a contributor of food or money is greatly appreciated.

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Couldn't have done it without YOU!

Thanks to all who made it possible for First Christian to participate in the Neighborhood's Fair at Southtown Mall last weekend.

Thanks to Charles McGrew for sharing his time and talent in making the signs and to Jim Bushey for loaning his trade fair equipment.

At our table display were Nick and Alison Knappenberger,

John Truesdell, Dick Mey, Lois Finkhousen, Sue Brey, Edna Nordblom, Sally Rudy, John Ohneck, Ralph Church, Kathy Graham, Julia Arnold, Bob and Bev Hendricks, Richard and Linda Merrick, and Kris Ohneck.

--The Evangelism Committee: Bob Smith, Evelyn Yeoman, Betty Grimm, Donna McEvoy, Woody Klepfer, and Judy Church.

Missionaries to be honored April 15

First Christian Church in Auburn will host a carry-in for all Indiana Disciple Missionaries Bob and Jane Williams on Thursday, April 15, at 12:30 p.m. Everyone in the area churches is invited to attend. The congregation also is invited to

attend a dessert and round-table discussion for the Williams, who served as missionaries in LeSotho. This will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 at North Christian Church. Please RSVP by calling 482-1596 by Friday, April 9.

SERVING APRIL 11

ELDERS

8:15 am B. Johnson & M. Hartman 10:45 am C. Hatten & D. Kreischer DIACONATE & GREETERS

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USHERS

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B. Franklin - B. Hendricks

J. Ohneck - G. Brown

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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6:30 am Sunrise Service 7:15 Easter Breakfast am

First Worship 8:15 am

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TUESDAY, APRIL 13

11:30 am Rebecca Circle

Lafayette Place Assoc. 5:30 pm

6:00 pm Elder's Meeting

7:30 pm Board of Trustees

APRIL 8 THURSDAY.

pm. Carillon 5:30

6:45 DIN Jubilation Ringers

pm Chancel Choir 7:00

SATURDAY. APRIL 17

7:00 pm Church & Community Task Force with Carl Dudley

> BIRTHDAYS APRIL 17-22 Derrick Farr (17)

Lillian Busse (17) Bob Mitchell (18)

Kate Cullen (19)

Arlene Downes (20) Opal Carper (21)

Karen Zimmerman (21)

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From Here to Zehr

He has Risen!

Sunday was a wonderful day!

I want to thank everyone who
made our Easter services so
uplifting. The music, the
baptisms, and the fellowship was
great. Let's do it again this
Sunday.

O.K. -- maybe not quite as elaborate, but we could come with the same expectations and enthusiasm we had last Sunday.

Let's not put Christ back in the grave, but let us truly let him come alive in each of our lives.

This Sunday Dr. Carl Dudley will be speaking. I hope you will be able to be here.

I know I will be looking forward to hearing him speak.

A special thank-you to Teresa Hatten and all the folks who helped her make 350 of those beautiful linen cloths we gave out on Sunday. They really helped enrich the service.

In other news, let's not forget that the youth group will meet at 6 p.m. this Sunday night, April 18. The Creative Arts will also meet at this time as well. I hope to see all the youth out for this special time.

Peace, Jerry

Joys



Please remember in your prayers Delores Keebortz, as her sister died recently. The funeral was held April 1.

Roger Moll's mother could use our prayers. She is recovering from surgery.

Charles Wrisk recently returned from the hospital; however, let's continue to keep him in our prayers.

Mildred Hogg also is recovering at home following out-patient surgery.

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***The Capital Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28.

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The tulips and laffodils are at least bove ground if not blooming.

Who, by now, nasn't at least purchased one seed eatalogue?

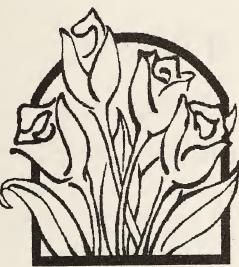
We are pleased
to announce that
First Christian
will offer a three
week series of
seminars led by
Roger Moll,
director of Allen
County's
Cooperative
Extension Service

Wayne.
The series will take place on Sundays, April 18, 25, and May 2

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from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Correct time) in our Board Room.

Roger is a member of First Christian Church and has much to teach us green



thumb "Wannabe's."

Come for a relaxing, fun, and informative time the next three Sunday evenings.

We'll talk about
the questions you
have about the
coming "growing
season," and Roger
will talk about soil
preparation,
pruning, pesticide
use and many
other hints for
effective care of
our corners of the
world.

This three week seminar is sponsored by our Christian Education Department.

Jeneral Assembly/Synod elections soon

INDIANAPOLIS (DNS) -- The election and installation of a new general minister and president, and the General Assembly officers are among the Disciples' main business items during the assembly/synod.

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D. Duane Cummins, Bethany, W. Va., is the nominee for moderator. The nominees for

first and second vice moderator are the Rev. Cynthia L. Hale, Decatur, Ga., and Joyce Blair, Nashville, Tenn.

General Minister and President C. William Nichols, who retires at the close of General Assembly/Synod, will be honored July 19. Fort Wayne's

First Church

Youth Grades 6th to 12th

You are invited...



...to an Area I Camp Rally & Dance Sunday, April 25

Camp Rally — 5:30 p.m. We will talk about Camp this Summer and see a slide show of the camping program. Registration forms and brochures will be available.

Dance — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We have a professional D.J. who will be playing some serious Rock-N-Roll!

Cover Charge is \$1 and a can of food for the Food Bank

Bring a friend!!!

Come and Enjoy the Refreshments and Music

Youth Group & Creative Arts this Sunday, 6 p.m.

Food Bank can use money too

Last week I mentioned money contributions to the Food Bank. I would like to explain how your money is used.

Money in excess of what we maintain for repairs to our equipment and what is spent on purchase of food is forwarded to the Associated Churches warehouse for wholesale buying of staple items.

We buy some staples when the warehouse has exhausted its supply. We buy items such as chickens when they are offered at special prices. Last year we bought 540 pounds of chicken, repackaged it and put it in our freezers.

During Thanksgiving and Christmas, we purchased and distributed 60 turkeys obtained from the Community Harvest Food Bank.

We go the Community Harvest Food Bank when they have items we cannot obtain from the Associated Churches warehouse. While the food is free, we must pay a 12 cents a pound fee as a maintenance fee.

Last year we received more than one hundred dollars a week in contributions to the Associated Churches warehouse fund, but as I've been told by the Associated Churches, our job is to feed the poor as long as there is food.

We have run low several times, but we've never run out. God will provide as we do our part.

God Bless, Wes Westerfield

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Camp Barbee work day set for May 15

Saturday, May 15, 1993, has been set aside as a Camp Workday at Barbee Christian Camp.

Work will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 4 p.m.

The camp needs assistance with cleaning, painting, scrubbing, yard work, carrying, etc.

The noon meal will be provided by the camp.

Persons should

dress appropriately for whatever they want to do. Most tools will be provided, even though volunteers may bring their own if they wish. Work or rubber gloves are recommended.

Volunteers are encouraged to make reservations by Monday, May 10, by calling 834-4190 before 12 noon.



Diane Zehr's Pastoral Relations Committee to meet Tuesday, May 4

The Pastoral Relations Committee for Diane Zehr will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m.

If you would like anything to be included in their discussion concerning her ministry among us, please call one of the members of the committee including: George Davis, Mimi Westerfield, Carole Davis, Ralph Church, and Jane Walsh.

Bring a friend this Sunday!!!

Congratulations!!!

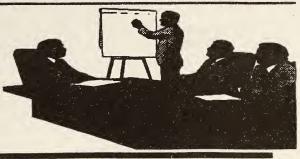
To our new members and their families:

Confession of Faith on April 8th Baptism on April 11th

Famika Anderson Lisa Bond Megan Geroff Mandi Peak Charles Suder Hazel Woods Confession April 8th Membership April 11th Jessica Anderson Jason Bond Thanks to Mentors... Teresa Hatten Shannon Lutz Woodie Klepfer Charles & Jean McGrew Kris Ohneck

Bill Johnson

Upcoming Events



D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) to meet

D.M.A. is planning a trip to Sauder Farms in Archbold, Ohio on Tuesday, May 4, 1993 via a 42 passenger bus.

We will visit the craft village

there.

Price of admission and the

bus per person if we get 30 persons is \$16.

You will be on your own for lunch.

Call the church office (744-3239) for your reservation today. All are welcome.

Hey Golfers...

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USHERS

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18

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6 p.m. Creative Arts
6 p.m. Youth Groups
6 p.m. Spring Fling

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 6:30 p.m. Constitutional Meeting

4 p.m. Futuring Conference Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

5:30 p.m. Carillon 6:45 p.m. Jubilation Ringers 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, APRIL 23 & 24

Used Book Sale

Birthdays April 23-29

Becca Widmer (23) Devera Harter (24)
Grady Vanderwall (24)
Vera Watson (25)
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Children/Youth space to be renovated; painters needed for "the Upper Room"

The Christian Education Department delighted announce that a sum of \$4,500 has been the allotted from Capital funds renovate the second floor area our church where our children and youth rooms are located.

Over the summer this area will be transformed from its present form to be used in the fall as "THE UPPER ROOM" (a place where Jesus still teaches Disciples).

It provides a gathering space for us that will also house our children's library. The floor classrooms off the gathering space will

accommodate our children and youth in having classes for K-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-12.

New carpet has been selected, but before it is installed we need to give a fresh coat of paint to the walls.

How about you or you and a friend, or you and your family being responsible for painting JUST ONE WALL of this area.

If 15 groupings or individuals would say yes to this, it would be DONE. This could be done at your convenience, but we'd like it to be completed by June 30.

Please sign up by calling the church office (744-3239) or signing the poster located in fellowship hall near the coffee pot on Sunday.



From Here to Zehr

The Country waited with trepidation for the verdict in the civil case against the four policeman who were on trial for police brutality against Rodney King.

Central L.A. was ready for riot and war! The amount of violence and guns in our society in 1993 is staggering.

Here are several facts that are interesting to know about guns.

***Guns kill their owners and family far more often than criminals. Handguns purchased for home protection are 43 times more likely to be used to kill the owner, family member or friend than it is to be fired in self-defense, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

***More than 24,000 Americans die from handgun violence each year according to the FBI, and handgun violence is sharply increasing. In fact, handguns kill the same number of Americans every two years as were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

***More than 135,000 students carry handguns to school everyday, and another 270,000 have carried a gun to school at least once, according to the National School Safety Center.

***Five school children murdered and 30 injured in mere

minutes. One lone gunman toted an AK-47 to a Stockton elementary school and gunned down 34 children and one teacher in less than two minutes.

***There's virtually no regulation of gun dealers. Anyone who sends in \$30 can obtain a 3-year license for selling guns, often in violation of local law.

***America is the world's most violent nation, by far. The chance of getting gunned down in America is 55 times higher than if you lived in Great Britain - while almost 7 times higher than Australia.

I am not against individuals having guns for hunting, but the amount of guns and violence in our society must force us to examine why — there is so much violence?

Peace, Jerry

Sermon Preview

Why did the two travelers not recognize Jesus? Do you know someone who will not recognize Jesus? Why do they not see him? What can we discover about him?

Answers to these questions will be given this Sunday in the message, "A Road to Discovery." This is based on Luke 24:13-35.

Spring Fling — two more Sundays

Roger Moll from the Allen County Extension Service will teach us everything we ever wanted to know about "growing" in our corners of the world on Sunday, April 25 and May 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Last week we learned composting and lawn care.

April 25 topics include vegetable gardening and May 2

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We've learned a lot already. Join us in the Board Room this week.

This series is sponsored by the Christian Education Department.

Joys

Social Social States

Our prayers are with Donald Kampenga and his family in the recent death of Connie. A memorial Service will be held this Saturday, April 24, 1993, at 1:30 p.m. at First Christian Church. Gifts to the church or to the American Cancer Society. No flowers, please.

Don Parlette has been moved to Riverbend Nursing Home, 7519 Winchester Road. Room 184. Visitors welcome!

Kathy Miller's mother is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Roger Moll's mother is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

John & Velma Hechler are now at the Lutheran Home, 6701 S. Anthony Blvd. John is in room 136 and Velma is in room 110.

Children's reading program announced

will Children this way have a get summer to involved with caring for God's world and sponsor forms and for each book they between May read 16 and June 20. will receive thev

donations sponsors and awards children's from our library.

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donations they receive World Service's

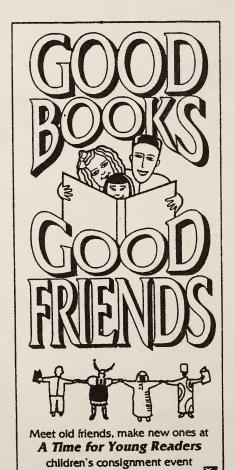
fun have it Read-To-Feed kick-off May 16 go to Church doing through a

Children's Summer Reading to Feed Program.

book new sale for Children's Christian Literature will the held in Fellowship Hall of First Christian Sunday, May 16.

Parents may want to purchase for their books children's summer reading other or might adults choose a book to purchase to donate to our children's which is library. being currently renovated by Anne Moll, our children's librarian.

Beginning on Sunday, this of children our church may the register for Read-To-Feed They Program. will be given



MAY 16, 1993

Heifer Project sends which livestock like chicks, flocks of hives of bees, fish. rabbits, etc. needy families and U.S. around the world.

children The themselves will decide what kind of animals their offerings will purchase.

for the Look children's library 5 to be set-up in the Fellowship Hall May 16 through June 20. Children may choose books there each week.

On June 20, we will recognize our "Read-To-Feeders" during the morning worship time, and they will receive certificates of recognition.

Large amount of seafood collected

Thanks to many of you, we have an unprecedented supply of seafood in our food bank. We collected between 150 and 200 pounds of seafood!

There was also help from

a problem with my last note, which I will try to correct.

Last year, we had cash donations of more than \$100 a week. This year the donations are about \$25 a week. Last year we had several thousand dollars which we could give to the Associated Churches for wholesale purchase of food. That way we end up with more food than if we purchased it on our

This year the Associated Churches has been told that they will not receive a \$16,000 grant they had been receiving.

This will cause problems in buying enough food later this

other churches in the generous and share been told not to you all. There was your food with the poor." cut back on our -Proverbs 22:9 food distribution. They

confident that God will provide.

I too am confident that with your continued giving, we can maintain our current level of help.

week we don't This seafood but anything else including cash would be helpful.

God Bless. Wes Westerfield

Diane Zehr's Pastoral **Relations Committee** to meet Tuesday, May 4

The Pastoral Relations Committee for Diane Zehr will hold its quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. would like anything to included in their discussion concerning her ministry among please call one of the committee members of the including: George Davis, Mimi Westerfield, Carole Davis, Ralph Church, and Jane Walsh.



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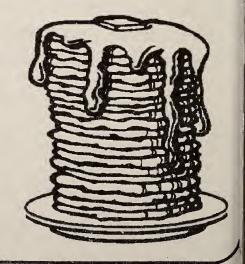
Scouts to host Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Boy Scouts of America Troop 57 will host an "All you can eat" Pancake & Sausage Breakfast from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 1993, at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun.

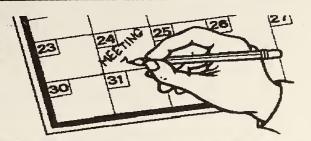
Advanced tickets are \$3.50 for adults; \$2 for a child (ages 3 to 6); and under two years is FREE.

At the door, tickets will be \$3.75 for adults and \$2.25 for children ages 3 to 6.

Advance tickets are on sale at First Christian Church or call 744-0038 (Earl Neeley, Scoutmaster) today!



Upcoming Events



Used library books to be sold

A used book sale will be held at First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun, Friday through Sunday, April 23-25 in the Fellowship Hall.

Church library books that are old but good...good, but cheap will be available along with an assortment of children, youth, and adult books. Inspirational, instructional, and meditative books also will be available.

Everyone is encouraged to come browse and bargain seek.

Hours on Friday are from 2 to 4 p.m., from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday.

D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) to meet

D.M.A. is planning a trip to Sauder Farms in Archbold, Ohio on Tuesday, May 4, 1993 via a 42 passenger bus.

We will visit the craft village there. Price of admission and the bus per person if we get 30 persons is \$16.

Please don't forget!

***The Capital Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28.

***The Rev. Diane Zehr's Pastoral Relations Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4.

You will be on your own for lunch.

Call the church office (744-3239) for your reservation today. All are welcome.

Congratulations!!!

To our new members and their families:

Confession of Faith & Baptism
April 18th
Charlotte Ewing
Kristie Howard
Thanks to Mentors...
Deborah Rinker
Donna McEvoy

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11:45 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

5:30 p.m. Camp Rally

6 p.m. Creative Arts

6:30 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho Dance

6:30 p.m. Spring Fling

MONDAY, APRIL 26

7 p.m. Music Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

7 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

7:30 p.m. Capital Task Force

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

5:30 p.m. Carillon

6:45 p.m. Jubilation Ringers

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Birthdays April 30-May 6

Mildred Hutchinson (30)

Gini Brown (2)

Inez Petty (3)

Lea Jackson (5)

Nick Lyons (5)

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What is Share the Care Day?

Share the Care Day is a time we as a church family share our energy to clean-up the church.

Several little projects around the church need some attention.

You don't have to have any skill--only a willing heart to clean.

It's only lasts four hours on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Come and give a little of yourself to do the Lord's work!



Dr. Hamm to be interviewed on Channel 10

On Sunday evening, May 16, from 5 to 6 p.m., Dr. Richard Hamm, former pastor of First Christian Church and a candidate to become the new General Minister and President, of the conference, will be interviewed on Cable Channel 10. He will receive phone calls from around

the country via satellite.

At our General Assembly held July 15 through July 20, Dr. Hamm will be voted on to become our new General Minister and President.

The phone number to call that evening is 1-800-264-0444.

We hope to see YOU this Sunday!!!

From Here to Zehr

Read the Bible for the truth

Who would have known last week when I wrote my article about guns and violence that the next day, David Koresh would send his followers to death!

How could someone follow

someone so blindly that they would let themselves burnup.

This is why I appreciate the Disciples of Christ emphasis on each individuals

responsibility to study the Bible and decide what they believe for their lives.

As much as I would love having a sect called "Zehrianism", I believe by each person "thinking," using their brain not just their heart when it comes to faith questions, people will follow God not a person.

Sometimes it's easier to believe what someone tells us rather than having to read to study the Bible for ourselves; however, when we find our Faith for ourselves, hopefully, we know

Bring a friend this Sunday!!!

what we believe.

Last Saturday, I had the Memorial Service for Connie Kampenga. Don, her husband, was the Board chairperson when I came as your Senior Pastor.

He gave strong leadership during the transition time before I came, but he had to withdraw from his position when Connie became ill.

Our hearts go out to Don and all his family.

See you Sunday!

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Why don't you invite someone to come to worship with you this Sunday.

Sermon Preview

Who was stoned in the story found in Acts 7:55-60?

Why would we be willing to be stoned for any of our convictions?

Take some time out this week to read and study this week's sermon text. See for yourself if you can have answers to the questions before you come.

Be generous...share with the poor

This is old news, but I just across the 1992 report for our food bank based Associated on data from the Last vear Churches. provided enough food to 731 families to prepare 37,975 meals. The estimated cost of the food provided by the Associated Churches warehouse was \$12,874. I estimate that the value of food provided by you and members of neighborhood churches must be at least \$4.000.

I believe that you should be proud of your efforts; however, this is not the time to slow down or to quit. We are seeing more people at the food bank this year than we did last year.

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We don't have a need list this week, but here is a wish personal items such toothpaste, tooth brushes deodorants; cake mix; pudding; juice; and vegetables (not fresh).

It's a pleasure to represent you.

God Bless. Wes Westerfield

We celebrate in the marriage of Eve Livingstone and Brian Gorman this last Saturday.

Please keep in your prayers Joan Selzer (Kathy Miller's mother), who is in Parkview.

Please keep in your prayers Roger Moll's mother who is in Medical College in Toledo, Ohio.

rejoice us congratulate the following News Sentinel Sterling Sentinel Nominees: Jim Davis, vocal, Concordia music: Dan Mory, instrumental, Wayne music; Steve Mullen, English, South Side: and Jeff Murray, Science, South Side.

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Children's

Children's reading program announced

Children will this have a way get to summer involved with caring for God's world and sponsor forms and for each book they May read between and 20. June 16 they will receive

donations from sponsors and awards from our children's library.

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Service's

Project Heifer sends which like livestock flocks of chicks. hives of bees, fish, rabbits, etc. needy families in the U.S. and around the world.

children The themselves will decide what kind of animals their will offerings purchase.

for the Look children's library to be set-up in the Fellowship Hall May 16 through June 20. Children may choose books there each week.

On June 20, we will recognize our "Read-To-Feeders" during the morning worship time, and they will receive certificates recognition.

fun have it Read-To-Feed kick-off May 16 go to Church doing

Summer Reading to Feed Program. book new sale for Children's Christian

will Literature the held in Fellowship Hall of First Christian on Sunday, May 16.

Parents may want to purchase books for their children's summer reading or other might adults choose a book to purchase to donate to our children's library, which is currently renovated by Anne Moll, our children's librarian.

Beginning on this Sunday. children of our church may register for the Read-To-Feed Program. They will be given



A Time for Young Readers children's consignment event

MAY 16, 1993

Spring Fling — one more Sunday

Roger Moll from
the Allen County
Extension Service
will teach us
everything we ever
wanted to know
about "growing" in
our corners of the

world on Sunday, May 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Topics include flowers and pruning information. We've learned a lot already. Join us in the Board Room this week.

This series is sponsored by the Christian Education Department.

Festival Choir to form for Assembly/Synod

The Festival Choir, having been invited to sing at the first joint Assembly/Synod of the Christian Church, Disciples and the United Church of Christ in St. Louis July 20, invites not only singers from the two denominations to join them, but also others who may want to go.

They will be singing at the closing worship service at which Dr. Richard Hamm will be installed as President and General Minister of the Disciples, and Dr. Paul Sherry will be reaffirmed as President of the UCC.

Rehearsals will be July 11 and 18 at 6:30 p.m. at West Creighton Christian Church. Both are mandatory except the second one for those who will already be in St. Louis.

The choir has reserved two 47 passenger buses and 40 rooms at the Days Inn near the airport. Cost of the bus per person is \$38, and cost of each room is \$40 which can be divided according to the number of people who want to stay together. (1 = \$40;

2 = \$20; 3 = \$13.50; and 4 = \$10) It includes a continental breakfast. These prices may change a little.

Departure
will be early
morning July
20, and



return will be July 21. Members of the choir are asking to see the Arch Wednesday morning, and so, while it is not definite at this time, they will be returning by 9 p.m.

They cordially open the invitation to any one who wishes to go. Singers get the first seats, but there will be others available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call Helen Donnell (432-0152) immediately if you would like to be a part of all the fun and excitement. The choir for this event is already well over 70.

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has workshop The designed to help individuals identify the family "rules" that create wounds and the effect have on rules those The workshop will members. St. Matthew's take place at Lutheran Church, 2305 Goshen The cost is \$15 per person, and free child care will Call the church be provided. 744-3239 for more information.

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Fellowship Hall
Evangelistic Music,
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Painters needed!

Painters please don't forget to sign-up for our PAINT-A-WALL project in the Upper Room. We have all the equipment and just need willing hands and hearts to do the work. Call the office at 744-3239 or sign up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday.

Please don't forget!

***Youth will meet at 6 p.m. this Sunday.

***Creative Arts will practice for Mother's Day at 6 p.m. this Sunday.

***The Capital Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28.

You will be on your own for lunch.

Call the church office (744-3239) for your reservation today. All are welcome.

Thank you!!!

Don and I are very grateful for all the cards and good wishes and interest shown to us during the past weeks. He is now at Riverbend Nursing Home. His friends may call on him there.

-- Mr. and Mrs. Don Parlette

Graduating?

Do you have someone in your family who is graduating from high school, college, or post graduate work.



Would you please call the church office and let us know. We would like to recognize all graduates in June in a worship service.

SERVING MAY 2 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. B. Johnson & K. Graham 10:45 a.m. B. Franklin & D. Kreischer DIACONATE & GREETERS

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2 pm Softball Practice at Franke Park

6 p.m. Creative Arts

6 p.m. CYF & Chi Rho

6 p.m. Spring Fling

TUESDAY, MAY 4

D.M.A. TRIP TO SAUDER'S

6 p.m. Finance committee

7 p.m. Diane Zehr's PRC

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle

5:30 p.m. Carillon

6:45 p.m. Jubilation Ringers

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 8

8 a.m. Share the Care Day

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Birthdays May 7 - 13

Dave Amos (7)

Dick Vanderwall (8) Jackie Keller (8)

William Branstrator (8)

Alison Knappenberger (8)

Jo Franklin (10) Dan Dickey (10)

Gail Westerfield (12) John Hechler (12)
Buri Feltenberger (12)

Laurie Bushey (12) Christina Parker (12)

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Mothers to be honored this Sunday

In special tribute to our mothers this Sunday, we will have a service filled with special music, liturgy and word affirming the mothers who have impacted our lives.

The children's choir will be singing two songs, and our youth handbell choir will also be

playing. We are looking forward to Ginny Johnson singing for us and the Rev. Jerry Zehr will have a special Mother's Day message entitled, "The Power to Become."

The scripture reference is found in Mark 14: 3-9. We hope to see you Sunday!

Youth to visit Hispanic worship service

The Chi-Rho & CYF youth will be going to a Hispanic worship service this Sunday night. The Rev. Jerry Zehr will be preaching at this service.

We will leave the church at 5:45 p.m. and will be back by 8 p.m. We will be at the South Wayne Baptist Church, as this is where the Hispanic congregation

meets.

Next Sunday, May 16 will be the final youth meeting of the school year. We will be going to Paige's Crossing!

This is an amusement place with miniature golf, go-karts, videogames, etc.

We will leave the church at 4 p.m. and return by 8 p.m. Everyone is to

bring a sack meal to eat!

In other youth news, our Creative Arts have stopped meeting for the summer.

We want to thank Ellen Duncan, Sue Oden, John Kratzat and Vee Parlette for their leadership this last year. The children are a real blessing in our church.

From Here to Zehr

We are sorry to lose Jerry Zimmerman as our organist. He has been a rich blessing to the life of this church for the past 21 years as the organist. The extra hours he gave to practice with soloists and the preparation he gave each week to the music he would play was always appreciated. It will be hard to replace those organ shoes!

The good news is we're not losing him entirely. He will sing in the choir with Sandy! We should give a special thanks to Sandy for all those extra hours

she would come and be with him while he practiced those 21 years.

Jerry's last Sunday will be May 23. We will have a special reception for him after both services that day. We will have guest organists this summer and hopefully we will have someone in this position by fall. I hope you'll try to be in church the next couple of Sundays to hear Jerry's beautiful music.

Peace, Jerry

Zimmerman resigns as church organist

The following letter was received by our Personnel Committee:

Dear Dick (Chairman of the Personnel Committee):

It is with a good deal of sadness that I must announce my resignation as organist of First Christian Church effective May 24, 1993. As has been my custom for the past several years, I have arranged for substitute organists through the end of August.

This decision was not made easily. Playing the organ has been an important part of my life since my high school days, and most of those years have been here. However, the increasing demands of the job that provides my livelihood make it impossible for me to adequately do two jobs. I plan to remain active in the music program of First Christian Church by taking my place in the bass section of the Chancel Choir.

I will assist in any way I can in the search for a new organist.

Sincerely, Jerry Zimmerman

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Read to Feed program to start May 16

Don't forget our "Read to Feed Program" for children five through 12 years old.

They can receive their sponsor forms on May 16 and begin to read books. For each book read, sponsors will make a donation to the Heifer Project, which sends livestock such as chickens, fish, bees, rabbits, etc. to needy families.

It's a way to give a gift to the world as well as develop their own good reading habits.



introduce your children to the first-ever A Time for Young Readers... a celebration

a celebration of worthwhile reading for ages 6 months to 12 years. Books will be for sale

May /6, 1993



If you don't have children of this age...SPONSOR ONE TO READ!

N.C.C. to celebrate

First Christian wants to join with North Christian Church in their mortgage burning celebration scheduled on Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

If you would like to contribute to a gift that we are giving to the church, please send a check or money to our church office with a note marked for the North Christian Church gift.

"Meet the Nominee"

A satellite teleconference introducing the Rev. Richard Hamm, nominee for General Minister and President will be shown live from Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, May 16 starting at 5 p.m. (EDT).

Question Line: 1-800-264-0444 Shown on Cable Channel 10

HEY, YOUNG ADULTS



Homeland Ministries and Week of Compassion is sponsoring a Young Adult Worktrip to the Inman Center from June 5-12, 1993. We've had some dentist equipment donated and want to take a group down to deliver it and do some work while they're there!

You'll Get To ...

Travel to Inman Center in San Antonio, Texas

Deliver dentist chairs

1Do some work

Experience a worktrip

JGrow as a group

Make a difference in our world!

If interested, please contact us and we'll send more information.

Jayna E. Powell Volunteers in Mission P.O. Box 1986 Indianapolis, IN 46206 317/353-1499, ext. 342



David McCracken Young Adult Staff Team P.O. Box 1986 Indianapolis, IN 46206 317/353-1499, ext. 381



Be generous...share with the poor

Currently we have enough food and workers at the food bank to handle our client load.

Now we want to become educated enough about services at other agencies in the city to know when and where to send clients for help other than food.

It isn't enough to pass out information sheets from other agencies when the information is too general or too detailed. We need to be able to say to a client, "If you go to this agency with this information they will be

able to help you." When we learn to do this, our client load should decrease.

If you know someone at any social service agency who could be a contact person or could meet with us to explain the requirements and procedures at their agency please give me a call.

Thank you, Wes Westerfield 485-9351

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Bring a friend this Sunday!!!

Joys



Wilma Miller has gone home from the hospital.

Congratulations to Melissa Orr and Scott Miller who were married at FCC last Saturday!

Congratulations to Margaret Prechtl, as she has been selected Principal Violist for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic!

Congratulations to Bill and Anne Scott in the birth of their first child. Austin Robert was born on May 1 weighing 9 pounds. Congratulations also to Carole Davis who is the proud grandmother!

Congregation urged to pray tomorrow

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Believers in Christ Jesus are gathering from throughout the community to pray for our elected leaders. Prayer needs to be the bedrock of the moral rebirth in our land.

The event will be cosponsored by the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Associated Churches, and the Evangelical Clergy Association.

The event is called MEET AT CITY HALL, and is being held Hall's City simultaneously at throughout America as part of of Prayer National Day programs. Last year there were 220 that gathered to praise God and to pray for healing within our country. This year we hope to have even more present to

Share the Care
Day
Saturday, May 8
8 - 12

pray together for 30 minutes.

In Fort Wayne the event will be held on the north side of the City-County Building from 12:10 to 12:40 p.m. this Thursday, May 6, 1993. This is important that the Unity of the Church be celebrated through our times of prayer, witness, and service together in Jesus name.

Make this a priority tomorrow if you can. Invite all whom you see this week to come and pray with others.

In Christ's Service Vernon R. Graham Executive Pastor The Associated Churches

North Christian Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

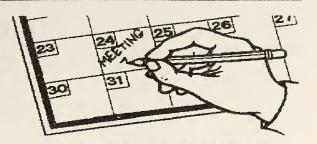
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Upcoming Events



Painters needed!

Three walls have been completed in "The Upper Room." There is still room to sign up for a couple more openings to "Paint-a-Wall."

If you have signed up, please call Diane Johnson or Diane Zehr to schedule your time to do the painting.

Thanks for your help. Let's be done by the end of June.

Rebecca Circle to meet May 8

Rebecca Circle will meet at the church at 9 a.m. to work on the garage sale. Please bring a sack lunch!

Softball schedule for May

May 11 -- 5:25 p.m. at Lawton #2 May 18 -- 8:15 p.m. at Franke May 25 -- 9:30 p.m. at Franke

Rummage Sale — May 15 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Graduating?

Do you have someone in your family who is graduating from high school, college, or post graduate work.



Would you please call the church office and let us know. We would like to recognize all graduates in June in a worship service.

Rebecca Circle will meet at the Hey Golfers...



First Christian will have a golf outing on Saturday, May 22, at 8 a.m. at Fairview Golf Course.

This will be a Florida Scramble. Both men and women are welcome to play.

Please call the church office (744-3239) to sign-up!

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SUNDAY, MAY 8

8 a.m. Share the Care Day

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

5:45 p.m. Youth to a Hispanic Worship Service

NO CREATIVE ARTS
TUESDAY, MAY 11

9 a.m. Rebecca Circle at the church

5:25 p.m. Softball Game at Lawton #2

6 p.m. Elder's Meeting

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

7 p.m. Capital Task Force

THURSDAY, MAY 13

5:30 p.m. Carillon

6:45 p.m. Jubilation Ringers 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 15

BARBEE WORKDAY

9 a.m. Rummage Sale

Birthdays May 14-20

Matthew Busse (14) Deloris Anspach (15)

Lila Russell (15) Mary New (15)

Marta Zoller (15) John Myers (16

Sam Hayes (17) Art Thomas (18)

Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19) Earl Snouffer (19) Shirley Howell (19) Jerry Zehr (19)

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"Choir Sunday" to be this weekend

The Chancel
Choir will present
the traditional "Choir
Sunday" this
Sunday, May 16
during both services.
The service is

being created as a worship experience, not a concert.

The choir will sing six anthems during the service. These anthems were

voted on by choir members as some of their favorites from the past year.

We hope these are your favorites too!

CWF to have Rummage/Bake Sale

CWF will be having its annual Rummage and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, May 15.

Donations are needed and can be brought to the stage.

Volunteers are also needed for sorting, marking, set-up,

baking, selling, etc. Call Teresa Hatten (447-2649) to volunteer or if you need help with delivery of items to be donated.



FCC Youth going to Paige's Crossing

This Sunday, May 16 will be the final youth meeting of the school year. We will be going to Paige's Crossing! This is an amusement place with miniature golf, go-karts, videogames, etc. We will leave the church at 4 p.m. and return by 8 p.m. Everyone is to bring a sack meal to eat!

From Here to Zehr

This Sunday the choir will sing a number of selections that will be very uplifting. I always look forward to hearing a variety of different musical pieces on this particular Sunday. I hope you'll be able to make it Sunday.

We have had a wonderful year of music with John Kratzat, our musical director, Ellen Duncan and Sue Oden, working with our Creative Arts children, Teresa Hatten, director of our Youth Handbell Choir, and of course Jerry Zimmerman as our organist.

Thanks to all for their good work. We are blessed.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. I am requesting topics that you would like me to preach on this summer. If you have a topic call the church office or give it to me Sunday.

Thank You!!!

Church Family:

I want to sincerely thank you for all the prayers, cards and messages of cheer sent to me while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you Jerry for your visits.

God bless you All!

--Wilma Miller

Joys



Congratulations to Tami Murua and Bill Leuenberger as they were married at F.C.C. last Saturday by the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

Congratulations to Julie & Scott Estes (Julie is daughter of John & Betty Briggs) on the birth of Katelin Rene on May 7, 1993. Katelin weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz.

Our prayers are with Lori Vandergriff as her brother is in St. Vincent's in Carmel, IN.

Our sympathy is extended to George & Sara Davis and family in the recent death of George's mother.

Helen Sheerin is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

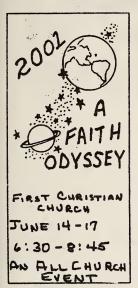
Our sympathy is extended to Vern and Ellen Graham in the death of Ellen's mother last week.

Please call the office if you have a Joy and/or Concern. Spread the joy or let your family join in prayer with you.

Bring a friend this Sunday!!!

2001: A Faith Odyssey - coming soon

It's not too soon to think about Vacation Bible School for



our whole

Together we'll explore future the and how God working with us partners to create а future where all can live justly and abundantly in all ways.

Our children will enjoy

"COSMIC" crafts, driving a space vehicle through our own Star Trek obstacle course, hearing stories and having snacks in the Stargazer Cafe, traveling in time in our own Holodeck from 30 AD to 2030 AD, and learning about God's creative power at work in the make-up of our universe.

Each child will receive a personal visor to transport them into the future each night. Youth will have an expedition team each night and adults will be able to choose from two classes.

More information will come in the following weeks, but RESERVE THE DATES and send us your request for a PASSPORT.

Campus Ministries thank First Christian

Dear Rev. Zehr:

Please extend our sincere thanks to the First Christian Church for their recent contribution in the amount of \$200 to Greater Fort Wayne Campus Ministry.

It is through generous donations and continued support like yours that college students in the Fort Wayne area are able to have Christian ministry in an academic setting.

We appreciate the ongoing

financial support of your congregation.

We would enjoy seeing you or members of your congregation at one of our community programs in the fall. If we can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

We pray for God's blessings on you and your congregation in 1993!

Peace,
Paul A. Bretz, M.A., M. Div.
Interim Campus Minister

FCC Church music notes and news

There are so many musical activities at First Christian that this update could go on forever! Instead, I will be brief and remember, there is always room for you to contribute your musical talents.

Carillon

The Carillon Bell Choir will perform two selections, May 23. Think of it as the instrumental equivalent of Choir Sunday. I would like to thank the ringers for their support and dedication throughout the year.

Again, please consider joining Carillon in September. We already know that two of our ringers will not be able to come back in the fall, so we need you.

Creative Arts

The Creative Arts program has already ended for the year. A special thank you to the kids, the parents and, of course, Ellen and Sue who did such a great job. Hope you enjoyed the Mother's Day music.

Jubilation Ringers

Jubilation Ringers are also done until September. Thank you for the special Mother's Day music and to the ringers and Teresa. Please note that we are concerned about the fall. Many of our current ringers may not be able to come back due to busy schedules. If the youth want to keep this program, plan on it over the summer.

Summer Schedule

Each
Sunday will
feature
special
music, from
within the
talent at



F.C.C. and from the outside. We will try to give you advance notice each week so that the anticipation can build!

The summer schedule is being firmed up now. If you have talent you would like to share, please call the Church, or call me at home.

Youth Choir

Youth Choir? Yes, it's true. We are going to have a Youth Choir for part of the summer. If the interest is strong, it will continue into the fall. Here are the facts. It's open to anyone entering the 6th grade through high school. The music will be cool. The leader will be me. The schedule is: June 6, 13 & 20 (Sundays) 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Rehearsal and June 27 -- Sing in Worship.

I look forward to working with you and know that summer is busy. Even if you have to miss a few rehearsals, give it a try.

--John Kratzat

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1993-94 Chairpersons given reminder

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Workday at Camp Barbee this Saturday

***Camp Barbee Workday on May 15 -- If you are interested in going to work at Camp Barbee, call Ken Taylor or the church office. We can carpool if we have enough sign-up.

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The banquet is open to anyone, and the cost is \$5. Please RSVP to the church office.

Read to Feed program to start May 16

Don't forget our "Read to Feed Program" for children five through 12 years old.

They can receive their sponsor forms on May 16 and begin to read books. For each book read, sponsors will make a donation to the Heifer Project, which sends livestock such as chickens, fish, bees, rabbits, etc. to needy families.

It's a way to give a gift to the world as well as develop their own good reading habits.

GOOD BOOKS COOD EXENDS

children to
the first-ever
A Time for
Young Readers...
a celebration
of worthwhile reading
for ages 6 months to 12 years.
Books will be for sale

May 16, 1993

Introduce your

If you don't have children of this age...SPONSOR ONE TO READ!

N.C.C. to celebrate

First Christian wants to join with North Christian Church in their mortgage burning celebration scheduled on Sunday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

If you would like to contribute to a gift that we are giving to the church, please send a check or money to our church office with a note marked for the North Christian Church gift.

"Meet the Nominee"

A satellite teleconference introducing the Rev. Richard Hamm, nominee for General Minister and President will be shown live from Nashville, Tenn. on Sunday, May 16 starting at 5 p.m. (EDT).

Question Line: 1-800-264-0444 Shown on Cable Channel 10

TIDINGS

Upcoming **Fvents**



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Painters needed!

walls have been Three completed in "The Upper Room." There is still room to sign up for a couple more openings to "Painta-Wall."

If you have signed up, please call Diane Johnson or Diane Zehr to schedule your time to do the painting.

Thanks for your help. Let's

be done by the end of June.

high school, college, or post graduate work.

Would you please call the church office and let us know. We would like to recognize all graduates in June in a worship service.

Jars needed for VBS

Please save your small jars Hey Golfers... (all sizes and shapes) for VBS's crafts.

One of our crafts this year (our Cosmos craft) requires a small jar. If you have any about the size of baby food jars (3 oz or less) please bring them to the church. We'd appreciate it.

--Diane Zehr and Jane Walsh

Softball schedule for May

May 18 -- 5:25 p.m. at Lawton #2 May 25 -- 8:15 p.m. at Franke June 1 -- 9:30 p.m. at Franke



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T. Knuckles, M. Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. E. Yeoman, T. Critell,

G. Shirley, D. McEvoy

S. Brey, L. Brey,

B. Glasgow, M. Miller USHERS

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9:00 a.m. Rummage/Bake Sale

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8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

12 noon Youth Book Sale

4 p.m. Youth to Paige's Crossing

5 p.m. Dr. Richard Hamm on Cable Channel 10

NO CREATIVE ARTS

MONDAY, MAY 17

7 p.m. Jerry Zehr's PRC

TUESDAY, MAY 18

9:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle at the church

5:25 p.m. Softball Game at Lawton #2

6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle to Park Place

SATURDAY, MAY 22

8 a.m. Golf Outing at Fairview

CFW Area I Workshop at North Christian

Birthdays May 21-27

Bob Hendricks (21) Amy Jenkins (21)

Shawn Spencer (22) Jay Bixenman (23)

Jennifer Mounsey (23) Virginia Bruckman (25)

Donald C. Smith (25) Harold Nordblom (26)

Kenneth Hunt (26) Kristin Byers (26)

Andrew Stow (26)

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Music to fill the air Sunday

This Sunday we will celebrate with Jerry Zimmerman his 21 years of service as our organist. This Sunday will be Jerry's final Sunday as our organist, so he will be playing a special prelude to begin the service.

This Sunday will

be the last Sunday until Fall that our Handbell choir will be playing. You won't want to miss their special numbers.

If that isn't enough, we will have as our guest soloist, Victoria Becker from

Kendallville, Ind. She has a major in voice performance from Ball State University, and she has sang in churches around the state.

The Rev. Jerry Zehr will be giving an uplifting message entitled, "In Search Of..."

Our children "Read-to-Feed" the world

This is the first week for our children to bring in the names of the have books they read this week. Their sponsors are paying them for each book read and the money goes to the Heifer Project which sends livestock to needy persons here and overseas.

Each child registered (there are 21 registered so far) will receive a small award each week they read and a sticker for their certificate. On June 20th, the certificates will be presented during worship. It's not

too late to sign up. See Anne Moll in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.



From Here to Zehr

The bad news this week is...that this will be Jerry Zimmerman's last Sunday as our organist; however, the good news is that we will be gaining a bass in our choir.

The giving of 21 years every Sunday to the church is quite a commitment, and we truly thank God for that type of commitment Jerry has given this church. I hope you'll be here this Sunday to express your appreciation to him or send him a note of thanks.

with all of the other special music this Sunday, please invite a friend. You won't want to miss it, as it promises to be a great time.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a sheet for you to fill out and send back to the church asking you to mark down which ways you would be willing to serve God this year at F.C.C. Also, there is a place for you to suggest a topic for a sermon you would like me to preach on this Summer.

If you have not filled one of these out, I hope you'll take the time and send it into the church.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Thanks to everyone Sunday for the cake celebrating my birthday. As Diane says, I'm not getting older...I'm just getting more like my father.

Joys



Our prayers are with Mildred Pflueger, who is Lois Finkhousen's mother, as she is in Lutheran Hospital.

Phyllis Hipp had cataract

surgery this week.

Kratzat John & Janet transferred their membership last Sunday from Holy Covenant Methodist Church, United: Carrollton, Texas. Welcome John their three and Janet and children.

Becca Widmer wins song writers contest

Congratulations to Becca Widmer who is a winner of a Christian Song Writers Search. She will be performing in a Christian Music concert on June 20, at 6 p.m. at the Murat Temple in Indianapolis.

She has a twinpack set of tapes of her music available for \$5, which also includes a ticket of admission for the June 20th concert. Please call her if you would like her tapes or a ticket...or just to say congratulations.

PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE

2001 – A Faith Odyssey Vacation Bible School June 14–17, 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. First Christian Church

I want to be a partner with God in creating the future beginning June 14-17 at Vacation Bible School. Sign me up.

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ADULT CLASS:				
Jay Southwyck How Do I St the Bible?				
Jerry Zehr - The Year 2000 and Beyond				

PENTECOST OFFERING

FOR BASIC MISSION FINANCE

Sometimes, when we hear about outreach, we think only of the work of our overseas missionaries who spread the Good News of God's love around the world. But the outreach mission of the church begins in the congregation and extends out into local communities, wherever people are in need of opportunities for a better life.

The Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) works in North America, through mission centers and ministries to congregations. Among the many recipients of its ministries are children.

The 1993 Pentecost Offering will be received May 23 and 30 (envelope enclosed). Your gifts to Basic Mission Finance really do make a difference.

Thank you,

Outreach & Service Committee



PENTECOST OFFERING For Basic Mission Finance

Summer youth programs announced

Last Sunday was our last youth meeting until the fall. However, we will have a pool party in June and our trip to St. Louis July 16-19. The cost for the trip including the trip to Six Flags will be \$20 plus your meals.

Don't forget a special Sunday School class this summer just for youth at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings taught by Charlie Hatten.

In other youth news, a new Youth Choir will be started. Yes, it's true. We are going to have

a Youth Choir for part of the summer. If the interest is strong, it will continue into the fall.

Here are the facts. It's open to anyone entering the 6th grade through high school. The music will be cool. The leader will be John Kratzat. The schedule is: June 6, 13 & 20 (Sundays) 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Rehearsal and June 27 -- Sing in Worship. I look forward to working with you and know that summer is busy. Even if you have to miss a few rehearsals, give it a try.

Summer Sundays for Kids starts June 6

All of our children three years old through fifth grades again this year will be meeting together in the Parlor for the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

"Living in God's Creation" is our summer theme, and we'll be exploring God's world and how

we can care for it in ways that please God and allow all the earth to live



abundantly and well.

Summer classes will also include three field trips. It will be led by a team of our older high school and college age youth and Shannon Lutz, one of our young adults.

We're waiting to welcome you to Summer Sundays. See you on June 6 in the Parlor.

Summer String Filing *93*

June 21 – July 1, 1993

Mer details in the coming years?

2001: A Faith Odyssey sign-up soon

Where else can you be transported to the past and the future, travel through a Star Trek obstacle course, see a model of the space shuttle and learn about God's creative power at work in the biggest and smallest of things including US -- God's

partners in creation.

Everything is ready. We just need YOU to be there to make our week a great one. Erma Vanderwall will be providing nursery care. Laura McFarland is leading our Pre-School class (with helpers). Our Kindergarten through fifth graders will travel through the four centers each night. Our youth will have a class taught by Dick Vanderwall entitled. "Coming attractions meeting and surviving change and the future."



Two adult classes will be offered. The first led by a guest teacher of Old Testament from Butler University in Indianapolis. Dr. Jay Southwyck will help us adults who want to improve our Bible Study skills know how to do that.

The kev. Jerry Zehr will lead a class using video tapes and discussion format called, "The year 2000 and beyond."

Make sure you register early so we can prepare a place just for you, a friend, a family member and a neighbor, etc.

Be generous...share with the poor

The food bank received a thank you note last week which I would like to share with you.

For the kindness shown to me by the three people working at the food bank last Friday (5-7-93).

You meet my physical needs by giving me food; You meet my emotional need by giving me kind support; You meet my spiritual need when the gentleman helping me carry the groceries out gave me the word, "Today is the day the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Thank you, Kathy H.

Our church should be proud that people representing us at the food bank deal with clients in the spirit of Christ's love.

--Wes Westerfield

Name

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE GOD FOR 1993-1994?

It takes many ministries, some small, some large, to tell the story of God's love in the world.

Following is a list of some of those ministries. Mark the ways you would offer yourself to the churches ministry this year.

RDUCATION MINISTRIES:	ADMINISTRATION MINISTRIES:
Children	Landscaping and grounds
Youth groups	Building repairs and projects
Young adults	Raising monies for the church
Seniors-D.M.A.	Newsletter/folding/correlating
Library - children or adult	Answer phone in office
Women's ministries	Publicity
Men's ministries	-
Visitation ministries to the homebound	
Counsel at camp	
Vacation Bible School ministries	
ORSHIP MINISTRIES:	
Drama	
Decorating the Sanctuary for church se	asons
Music - choir	
Handbells	
Special music - solos - duets	
Instrumental	
Sound system monitor	
Worship greeter/usher	
Coffee Hour hosts	
Lay Readers	
Children's message	
REACHING OUT MINISTRIES:	
Contacting visitors	
Mentoring new members	
Hosting Dinner for Eight	
Food Bank Volunteer	
Community projects	
Mission trip	
SPORTS MINISTRIES:	
Volleyball	
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Hey campers!!!

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CEO

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First Christian in Auburn!

Bring a friend this Sunday!!!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 22

CWF AREA I WORKSHOP AT NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8 a.m. Golf Outing

SUNDAY, MAY 23 8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship 2:00 p.m. Round Robin Volleyball

Game at First Christian in

Auburn

MONDAY, MAY 24

6:30 p.m. CWF Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, MAY 25

7 p.m. Committees 8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Franke

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

4 p.m. Futuring Conference

Birthdays May 28 - June 3

Gene Klepfer (28)

Pat Mullen (28)

Molly Baughman (29)

Carolyn Austin (29)

Diane Howard (31)

Mike McFarland (1)

Susan Stow (3)

Chris Hall (3)

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Graduates to be honored this Sunday

This Sunday during the second service we will honor members of First Christian Church who are graduating from high school or college.

We also will commission all youth who are going to camp this summer.

The Worship Committee has a camper survival kit that they will give

to all campers. Because this Sunday is Memorial Sunday, we will celebrate the saints of our church who have passed away over the past two years.

Summer Sundays for Kids starts June 6

All of our children three years old through fifth grade again this year will be meeting together in the Parlor for . the Sunday School hour from 9:30 to a.m.

"Living in God's Creation" is our summer theme, and we'll be exploring God's world and how we can care for it in

ways that please God and allow all the earth to live abundantly and well.

Summer classes



will also include three field trips. These sessions be led by a team of high school youth and young adults including Shannon Lutz, Mike and Kelly Walsh. Jim Davis. Jessica Hatten, and We're Becky Krull. waiting to welcome you to Summer Sundays. See you on June 6 in the Parlor.

Last Saturday was our annual Fairview golf outing at Course. Thanks to Marge Thomas for all her work in putting this event together. Someone told me the only ones who have bigger stories than fishermen are golfers! pretty There were some stories told last Saturday.

Congratulations Kirk Spencer, John Kelly, Eric Rieke and the player who carried these three guys--Marilyn Rieke (or to those of you who remember her from her television days -- Miss There is something Marilyn). mystical about the game. It will either make you lose your religion or give it to you. It was great to be together in the name of Christ.

This week millions of people episode the last watched Cheers, the bar where everyone knows your name. It's a funny show but a sad commentary that for many the bar is the best sense of community they know. On the other hand for many, they might feel judged at church and accepted at the bar.

Christians can sometimes get pious and righteous at times. May we open our doors to all and let them know of God's love so that others will find a place where they may know that God always knows their name.

Peace.

Jerry



Our sympathy is extended to Roger and Anne Moll and family in the recent death of Roger's mother.

Carl Linn is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Arabella Kreischer is now at home.

you have a Ιf concern, please call the church office or let the Revs. Jerry or Diane Zehr know.

Jerry Zimmerman says "thank you!!""

Thanks to all who had a part in making last Sunday a very special day for me.

after both The reception services and the many kind words from my friends meant a great deal to me. The additions to our Dickens Village collection of will be a reminder thoughtfulness for many years to come.

First Christian Church is a very special part of my life.

Again, I say thank you!

--Jerry Zimmerman

Pentecost Offering for basic mission finance

Sometimes, when we hear about outreach, we think only of the work of our overseas missionaries who spread the Good News of God's love around the world. But the outreach mission of the church begins in the congregation and extends out into local communities, wherever people are in need of opportunities for a better life.

The Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) works in North America, through mission centers and ministries to congregations. Among the many recipients of its ministries are children.

The 1993 Pentecost Offering will be received May 30. Your gifts to Basic Mission Finance really to make a difference.

CELEBRATE the SPIRIT
SHARE the GIFTS

PENTECOST OFFERING For Basic Mission Finance

Thank you,

Outreach & Service Committee

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE GOD FOR 1993-1994?

It takes many ministries, some small, some large, to tell the story of God's love in the world. Pollowing is a list of some of those ministries. Mark the ways you would offer yourself to the churches ministry this year. T DESTRE TO HELP WITH: ADMINISTRATION MINISTRIES: EDUCATION MINISTRIES: ____ Landscaping and grounds Children Building repairs and projects Youth groups Raising monies for the church Young adults Newsletter/folding/correlating ____ Seniors-D.M.A. Answer phone in office Library - children or adult Women's ministries Publicity Men's ministries Visitation ministries to the homebound ___ Counsel at camp Vacation Bible School ministries WORSHIP MINISTRIES: Decorating the Sanctuary for church seasons ___ Music - choir Handbells _____ Special music - solos - duets ____ Instrumental Sound system monitor Worship greeter/usher ___ Coffee Hour hosts ___ Lay Readers Children's message REACHING OUT MINISTRIES: ____ Contacting visitors Mentoring new members ____ Hosting Dinner for Eight ____ Food Bank Volunteer ____ Community projects

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Mission trip
SPORTS MINISTRIES:
Volleyball
Softball
Basketball
Bowling

Is there a topic or subject you would like Rev. Zehr to preach on this summer?_____

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PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE

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Summer youth programs announced

Don't forget a special Sunday School class this summer just for youth at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings taught by Charlie Hatten.

In other youth news, a new Youth Choir will be started. Yes, it's true. We are going to have a Youth Choir for part of the summer. If the interest is strong, it will continue into the fall.

Here are the facts. It's open to anyone entering the 6th grade through high school. The music will be cool. The leader will be John Kratzat. The schedule is: June 6, 13 & 20 (Sundays) 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Rehearsal and June 27 -- Sing in Worship. I look forward to working with you and know that summer is busy. Even if you have to miss a few rehearsals, give it a try.

Reading program to feed the world

Approximately 15 books have already been read last week in the Read to Feed program.

See Anne in the Fellowship Hall Sunday for your stickers and small weekly awards for reading.

Our children are learning something about the joy of learning and the stewardship of God's earth.

Their sponsors are paying them for each book they read. The money goes to the Heifer Project which sends livestock to needy persons here and overseas.



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MEMORIAL DAY-MONDAY, MAY 31

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

12 noon D.M.A. Potluck 8:15 p.m. Softball Game at Franke

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

9 a.m. CWF Executive Meeting



Birthdays June 4 - 10

Dave Rinker (5)

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Spiro Olympidis (6) Virginia Snouffer (7)

Irene Kissinger (9)

Don Oden (9)

Jane Harts (9)

Virginia Englehart (9)

Bill Howard (10)

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"The future isn't what it used to be." Indeed, our future will be shaped by the choices we make -- large and small. Consequently, it is especially mportant that we and our children learn the kinds of choices that will create a world where they and indeed all creation can enjoy life and God cogether.

In case you haven't been to Vacation Bible School at First Christian, it is important that you know it's for kids of ALL ages. We'll all be on an odyssey no matter what age to find out what God is up to in our world.

If you're new in the church this is a great way to meet people and share life together for four evenings in June. If you're a long time member, please come and enjoy the fun, the faith, and the future with us.

Children will make "Cosmic Crafts", sing songs for a new world, explore the wonders of God's creation in the biggest and smallest things, eat and hear stories in the Stargazer Cafe and drive a spacemobile through our own specially designed Star Trek obstacle course.

Youth from 6 to 12th grades will have a chance to explore, "Coming Attractions: Your Faith and Your Future" taught by Dick Vanderwall.

Adults can choose from two course offerings. Dr. Jay Southwyck, professor of Old Testament at Butler University will be here to teach us how to have a better understanding of our Bible. The Rev. Jerry Zehr will teach a discussion course called "2000 and Beyond".

This week is for you and others you may know like your neighbor, a family member or friend. Invite them. God's gospel is for you and it's for them.

The future starts today. Register soon for "2001: A Faith Odyssey."

Educators to be recognized June 6

Easter culminates 50 days after Easter Sunday on Pentecost, a celebration of the birth of the church.

You can read about the first 2, but on Pentecost in Acts Sunday, June 6, we will also who have folks honor those on the faith in our passed congregation even as the disciples began to pass on the faith during that first Pentecost.

Teachers, youth sponsors, mentors, Christian Education members, Creative Arts workers, library workers, and those who have led seminars over the past year will be recognized in a breakfast at 9:30 a.m. and at our 10:45 a.m. worship time.

Thank an educator in our congregation. They are making sure the faith goes on!

Thanks given

Jerry,

I wanted to drop you a line to thank you for your concern and prayers during my recent illness. I guess it takes something like that to make one realize how many people really do care about you. Many of those people are members of First Christian Church. Please thank the rest of the congregation for me.

-- Todd Fleck

Joys



Our sympathy is extended to Dave Kreischer and his family in the recent death of Arabella.

Carl Linn is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Jack Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

OPPS!!!--Phyllis Hipp, did not have cataract surgery as stated in Tidings. We apologize for this error.

Local family needs furniture

Barb Hayes, one of our members, who is a caseworker with the school system, is working with a family who has NO furniture.

They are currently sleeping on the floor.

If you have beds to spare, a dining room table and chairs, lamps, living room furniture, etc., please call the church office at 744-3239.

Being the Church means sharing what we have with those who need.

Grimshaw sends thanks and invitation

Friends at First Christian,

Greetings! I would like to ask that your prayers (and presence, if possible) be with me on Sunday, June 6, 1993, at 2:30 p.m., as I will be ordained into Christian ministry at Central Christian Church in Warren, Ohio.

I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the support, encouragement, and insights you have given me over the last 3 1/2 years. You welcomed me into your church home, shared your lives with me, and gave me opportunities to minister with you.

I will never forget:

***the big Stewardship dinner on my first Sunday,

***breaking bread for the first time behind the communion table.

***the youth I worked with that were baptized on Easter morning.

***marrying Brian and Margaret, praying with them in the hospital before Jason was born, and seeing Jason dedicated in the church,

***leading Bette Haine's

memorial service,

***eating and skiing and eating and leading worship and eating with the young adults,

***learning about curriculum with the Christian Education

committee,

***my farewell sermon, the beautiful gifts you gave me, tap

dancing with James, meeting my hero Batman, and receiving a most unusual report card from the young adults,

***and the privilege to meet each of you and minister with

you.

I have been touched by God's grace through you, and I will always be thankful for the ministry we shared together.

In Christ's love, Jim Grimshaw

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Moderator: Doug Brouwer, Allen County Juvenile Probation

- 1) Stan Phlueger, Allen County Juvenile Probation
- 2) Robert Rinearson, Ft. Wayne Juvenile Residential Facility
- 3) Sgt. Ken Steeg, FWPD Gang Coordinator

The topics to be covered will include:

Recognition of Gangs in the Family and Neighboorhood

Gang Activity in Fort Wayne

What Can We Do in Our Community?

All interested adults are encouraged to please attend this important evening, as the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church, reaches out to the community around it.

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10:45 a.m. D. Kreischer & D. Oden

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6 p.m. Open House for Jim Davis

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9:30 p.m. Softball Game at Franke

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Science

Lift Off — 6:30 pm. Everynight
Destination — the Future
Who may come? — Earthlings of all ages
Cost — None
Departure location — First Christian Church

Cosmic

Space Mobiles

If you like to travel, you will want to join us next week for our Vacation Bible School. This is not like V.B.S. of yesterday, but it will be a new fun, enjoyable experience where we can learn more about God in a futuristic way!

Our own Holodeck

There will be a special group for teen-agers!

There will be two adult groups as well, so Register now!
(See insert inside) Nursery-care will be provided!

Fireworks on the last evening!!!

Something special from Stargazer Cafe Sunday

Thanks to the Fellowship Committee, astronomically palatable refreshments will be available on Sunday after

worship, so we can all preview the fellowship hall, as it is ready for the year 2001. Please take a moment to join us after worship.

From Here to Zehr

Have you registered for Vacation Bible School? I'm not talking about the children.

I'm talking about you! We have two great opportunities to deepen your faith next week for all adults.

Dr. Jay Southwyck, professor of Old Testament at Butler University, Indianapolis, will be leading a class in "Exploring the Bible." He will give us a better understanding of the Old Testament and answer questions about the Bible.

After four evenings with her, you will have a much better understanding of the Bible and how to use it.

I will be leading a group on prayer and spirituality. We will explore our own prayer life and how to enrich our spiritual faith.

Also, this Sunday the Northmen will be our special music for worship. I hope you'll be able to be in worship Sunday.

Peace, Jerry

Sermons previewed for June

I have received a number of topics that people would like for me to address in my sermons on Sundays this Summer. I will begin this Sunday and go from there.

This week we'll cover one of the suggested topics, "Women's role in the church and community." This topic challenges us to explore the broader questions, "Who should be the

head of the household?" and "Should women be elders and ministers?" We think of God as an old man with a white beard - is God male or female?

These sermons will not be the definitive answer on these topics, but hopefully they will give some insights to help you explore what you believe, why you believe it, and how your belief

effects your life.

Other topics will include:

June 13 -- I will address the question, "Is God a man or a woman?" Prepare for this sermon by reading Genesis chapters 1 & 2.

June 20 -- The sermon will be "What kind of Fathering does the future need?"

Then on June 27, I will address "Abortion -- What are we to say?"

Joys



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Orda Glentzer had cataract surgery this week.

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D.M.A. plans trip

On Wednesday, July 7, D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will be sponsoring a bus to the Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game at Wrigley Field. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. Our seats will be in the Lower Terrace Seats. Cost is \$30. This includes the bus, lunch, and a ticket. Please call the church or Dick Vanderwall, 484-7878 to R.S.V.P.

Reading program comes to close

The Read-to-Feed program is soaring towards completion. We've read 154 books so far.

Kids please remember to come and collect your prizes and record your number of books read each week. Be sure to be in worship on June 20, when we will present your certificates.

Thanks given

We wish to thank all of you for the many cards and prayers that were sent to Arabella. The food really filled the bill. All was very much appreciated. "I have fought a good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. " 2 Tim. 4:7

--Dave Kreischer, Carolyn Parker, Sharon Staton, Irma Stewart

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Gary Hall (18)
Don Parlette (19)
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Joan Penny (20)
Orie McDougle (21)

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Summer worship to be diverse

This summer John Kratzat has planned an exciting and uplifting number of musical experiences for us in worship.

This Sunday -- Father's Day sermon will be "What kind of Fathering Does the Future Need?"

The music will feature Brian Prechtl and Dan Mory. These two excellent musicians will play the Marimba's for us in worship.

The schedule for the remainder of the summer includes:

On June 27, the First Christian Youth Choir will sing. We also are happy to have Dan Black return, as he will be our guest soloist.

Then on July 4, our own Diane Mory will be the guest soloist.

On July 11, we will have a special quartet singing. This quartet includes Casey Clark, Deb Lehman, Kirk Spencer, and John Kratzat.

Songwriter and singer Becca

Widmer, who has received awards for her Christian music, will be the guest soloist on Sunday, July 18.



On July 25, Ellen Duncan will be our guest soloist.

More music will then come in August with Ginny Johnson, Charlotte Ewing, Aubrey Anderson, Kirk Spencer, and an ensemble of our own choir members.

Get some <u>Son</u> in the summertime in worship.

Youth reminder

Have you registered for St. Louis yet?

Don't forget the deadline has been moved to July 1. You need your parent permission slip and \$20 if you are going.

From Here to Zehr

I am happy to announce that on Sunday, Aug. 29, Dr. Richard Hamm will be our guest speaker. In August we will be exploring our Disciple identity in our church school hour.

Dr. Hamm (we hope as our new General Minister and President) will share with us the role of General Minister and President for our denomination. There will be some other special things happening this day, so keep that Sunday morning open.

As I write this article, Diane Zehr is putting the final touches on our V.B.S. '93. There is always some apprehension if things will go as they are imagined. A lot of people helped

to create "A Faith Odyssey...2001." Please pray for the participants and the workers this week.

I hope you are "Catching the Spirit" that is moving through our church. I know I am, and it feels great!

Peace, Jerry

P. S. I know there will be some Sundays you will be gone this summer with trips and vacations. I hope you will not forget the church in your giving. The ministries of the church continue through the summer, and we need your support!

F.C.C. to open store for families

With its commitment to Outreach and Education, First Christian will be working with Three Rivers Health Services, Inc. and Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies (HMHB) to open a baby store for low income families.

A community presentation is planned for June 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the church. Please come and learn more about this wonderful program and take a tour of the store (See insert).

A Baby's Closet will open in late August or early September

and be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. Although the store won't open for a couple of months, coupons may be earned at some locations beginning in July.

We are looking for volunteers for all aspects of this project, from working at the store to merchandising techniques. If you are interested in donating your time, talent, or saleable goods, call Janet Kratzat at 744-2041 or Teresa Hatten at 423-4397.

Joys.



Our sympathy is extended to Brad & Kathy Miller in the recent death of Kathy's mother.

Congratulations to Yvonne Fouts as she transferred her membership to First Christian Church on June 13. Also, congratulations to Yvonne in the birth of Shane Allen born on June 1!

Laura McFarland fell and has a broken foot.

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Chancel & Carillon choirs to have party

Choir members and special guests plan to attend a party at Gary & Carolyn Falbe's on June 26, beginning at 5 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish, lawn chairs, a white elephant gift, and loose change. "Back by popular demand is our auction" and a few more surprises everyone will enjoy.

Directions to the Falbe's home are available in the church office. If you have any questions call Brenda Kelly at 745-0800.

D.M.A. plans trip

On Wednesday, July 7, D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will be sponsoring a bus to the Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game at Wrigley Field. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. Our seats will be in the Lower Terrace Seats. Cost is \$30. This includes the bus, lunch, and a ticket. Please call the church or Dick Vanderwall, 484-7878 to R.S.V.P.

Reading program ends this Sunday

Sunday, June 20th will be the final day for the Read the Feed program. Be sure to bring your sponsor envelope and the money they pledged. During children's moment, we will award the last prize. Total books read so far -- 190!!!

Don't Forget!!!

***We want to begin planning for next year, so don't forget the chairs will meet at 7 p.m. and the full committees will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22.

***The <u>Capital Task Force</u> meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 24. Please try to have your assigned task begun!

***The Constitution Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.



Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies in cooperation with Three Rivers Health Services, Inc., and First Christian Church will soon be opening *A Baby's Closet*.

A Baby's Closet is an incentive program offering clothing, equipment and supplies for infants and young children. The purpose of the program is to encourage women to seek early prenatal care as well as health care for their children and to also encourage ongoing education.

Parents will receive coupons from participating providers by attending prenatal and child health care visits and prenatal, parenting, nutrition and education classes. These coupons can then be redeemed for items at the store.



Please come and join us for refreshments as we introduce this exciting program to you.



Date: Wednesday, June 23, 1993
Time: 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Place: First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun, corner of Pettit & Calhoun
Speaker: Julie Koza, Chairperson of State HMHB
She will discuss the success of the B.A.B.E.
store in South Bend (the program for which
A Baby's Closet is modeled)

Donations are always welcome!

Call Three Rivers Health Services for more information.

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The Philharmonic Musicians present

O CHOIR MEMBERS:

Before you head or the choir party t Falbe's, come to his concert - it's ell worth your ime!



A benefit concert for the Old Fort YMCA Sports Program

Featuring

True Love Baptist & St. John's Baptist Church Choirs Singing Gospel

and

Jodie DeSalvo, pianist

Performing

"Rhapsody in Blue"

Saturday, June 26, 2:30 p.m. Foellinger Theatre

Tickets: \$5.00 (children under 12 admitted free)

Tickets now available at

all branches of the YMCA and Rogers Markets.

Tickets available at

Scott's Food Stores after June 7.

SERVING JUNE 20 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ludwig & B. Hendricks 10:45 a.m. R. Krull & J. Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. J. Arnold, M. Arnold, J. Myers, and Jt. Myers

10:45 a.m. R. Moll, Dv. Rinker, Db. Rinker, B. Kelly, K. Walsh, T. Hatten, J. Hatten, & S. Zimmerman

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott. J. Young, L. Merrick 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, B. Glasgow, & H. Nordblom

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ACOLYTES

Brian Rinker & Noah Duncan EXTUNDED SESSION LEADER

Ken Taylor

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -- J. Smelser & K. Taylor Team II -- M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Bobbie Lindsay 10:45 a.m. Kris Ohneck

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

7 p.m. Committee Chairs for 1993-1994 7:30 p.m. Committees for planning 1993-1994

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

6:30 p.m. A Baby's Closet

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

7 p.m. Capital Task Force SATURDAY, JUNE 26

5:00 p.m. Choir Party at Falbe's

Birthdays June 25 - July 1

Beth Doehrman (25)

Lois Buchanan (27)

Dwain Graham (28)

Mildred Hartman (29)

Mildred Linn (29)

Cheryl Connett (30)

Marilyn Butler (1)

Schellie Englehart (1)

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Guest soloist announced for Sunday

This Sunday
Thomas Black will
return as our guest
soloist and the First
Christian Church
Youth Choir will be

singing.

The Rev. Zehr will be preaching on the topic, "Abortion: Is there a 'right' answer to

a complex question?"

It looks to be a thought provoking and uplifting service!

Trip planned to Wrigley Field

On Wednesday, July 7, we will be going to Wrigley Field in Chicago, Ill. to see the Cubs play the Cincinnati Reds.

The cost is \$30 for your ticket. This price includes the bus ride, lunch and the game.

We have 25 signed-up, but we have a 47 passenger bus. If

Youth reminder

Have you registered for St. Louis yet?

Don't forget the deadline has been moved to July 1. You need your parent permission slip and \$20 if you are going.

you want to invite some friends, you may do so.

Call the church office 744-3239 to make your reservation as

soon possible.

The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. Our seats will be in the Lower Terrace Seats.

This fun filled trip is sponsored by D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age.)



From Here to Zehr

Da Bulls! Da Bulls! Da Bulls! Yes, the Chicago Bulls won the N.B.A. playoffs for a third year in a row. Now, if you're not a basketball fan, you probably say, "So what's the big deal...."

Beside the fact I lost a bet to my mother (she can pick-um), was impressed with perseverance and commitment the had to being champions. Champions are not won by someone being "lucky" or a "fluke." They are won because these guys practiced and practiced, and then they practiced some more. They kept their minds focused on the game and did not let themselves get distracted.

I realized again how anything that is worth it's gold endurance. struggles. commitment to acquire it. strong faith, a good marriage, a fulfilled life take endurance. struggles, and commitment. that surprise you to think that faith takes endurance. our struggles and commitment? How bad do you want a championship faith?

The first step is being at practice. We hope to see you Sunday at 8:15 or 10:45 a.m. for spiritual practice this week!

Peace, Jerry

Diaconate meeting to be June 30

All members of the Diaconate are expected to be at a meeting on Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. We will go over our responsibilities and set schedules.

If everyone is there on time, we will be done by 8 p.m. If you cannot come, please call Sandy Zimmerman, chairperson of the Diaconate at 744-5698.

Beginners help plant flowers

The urns of petunias and marigolds on the sides of our door near the parking lot were planted by our 3,4, & 5 year olds during V.B.S. It is their way of giving care to a part of God's

world. We will enjoy them (the flowers and the children) all summer.

Thanks to them and their teachers: Judy Mey, Jennifer Mounsey, and Vicki Roush.

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special Choir members and uests plan to attend a party at lary & Carolyn Falbe's on June 6, beginning at 5 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish, awn chairs, a white elephant rift, and loose change. "Back by opular demand is our auction" nd a few more veryone will enjoy.

Directions to the Falbe's home re available in the church

hanks given or church family

Dear Diane and Jerry:

Thank you so very much for all you did during my recent visit to Parkview. The visits, prayers. comforting words, and kindness, was beyond anything I expected.

Would you extend a thank you to everyone at church for all their prayers and kindness.

I've never had a "church family," and so I didn't know what to expect. The outpouring of prayers, caring thoughts, cards, and phone calls, just made my heart feel so light, yet so full.

May God bless each one, Fran

office. If you Brenda Kelly at questions call 745-0800.

Our sympathy is extended to Orda Glentzer in the recent death of her brother.

Last Sunday, Austin Robert Scott, son of Bill and Anne Scott, grandson of Carole Davis, was dedicated in our 10:45 a.m. worship service.

Faith Odyssey Finale

Mon. - 128 Offering for week
Tues. - 124 to go to Heifer project Thurs - 138

Don't Forge

***The Constitution Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

SERVING JUNE 27 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. L. Ewing & M. Hartman 10:45 a.m. J. Kelly & C. Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. C. Davis, N. Knappenberger,
J. Young, & G. Brown
10:45 a.m. G. Shirley, L. Bushey, M. Miller
D. Mey, B. Smith,
M. Ouick, & J. Bushey

DSHEES

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, D. Graham, C. Byrket 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, DJ. Rinker, & G. Miller

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Tameka Anderson & Claire Ewing
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Team II -- Don & Sue Oden

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8:15 a.m. Lauren Ewing 10:45 a.m. Brenda Kelly

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CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, JUNE 26

5 p.m. Choir party at Palbe's SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship HEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

4 p.m. Puturing Conference 7 p.m. Diaconate Training 7:30 p.m. Constitution Committee

Birthdays July 2 - 8

Steve Kreischer (2)

Shirley Dibble (3) Miles Zimmerman (4)

Paul Waugh (5)

Michael Piatt (5)

Mai Pauley (5)

John Clevenger (7)

Lola Miller (8)

George Ludwig (8)

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Take the Next Step" starting

"Take the next step" is our eme for the 1993-94 year at rst Christian Church.

Last year we began our first ear of our three year mission atement with our theme, courage from the Past -- Hope r the Future."

Our emphasis last year was a evangelism and getting us as church to open our doors to ir community and celebrating as great history we have as a nurch with our community as we ove into the future.

This year our emphasis will to "Take the next Step" of with as we lift up the ducational component of our with.

Take the next step in deepening your faith. We will have many opportunities for everyone to deepen their faith.

There will be new prayer and study groups. In addition, a new drama group, a new Bible study group and a renovated "Upper Room" where all of our youth will have new places for church school this fall will be formed and finished.

There will be new elective classes for adults and some other activities in the planning.

We want to have as many programs in place so everyone can find some way to "Take the next Step" in their faith with God.

buth thanked for ministry

On Sunday morning the youth roup is meeting in Jerry's ffice for Sunday School at 9:30 m. We have some far-out iscussion and some good snacks hanks to Kristie Howard for the

great brownies. She made them herself. Really, she did!!!

Good job to the Youth Choir. You did a great job Sunday. Thank you for your ministry to us in song.

From Here to Zehr

When does life begin?

That was the question the Priest, Minister and the Rabbi discussed over dinner one night. The Priest looked at the other two and said, "I think life begins at conception. That is when life truly begins."

The Minister started shaking his head, "No, I think life begins when the baby is born -- that's when life begins."

There was a moment of silence and then the Rabbi spoke up saying, "No, you're both

wrong. Life begins when the kids move away and the dog dies!!!"

I thought this was a good story relating to my sermon last Sunday. Thanks for the feedback you gave me on my sermon about a complex issue.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Tidings will be published every other week for the rest of the summer.

Next weeks' serving schedule

SERVING JULY 11 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. K. Graham & B. Johnson 10:45 a.m. B. Pranklin & J. Kelly

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, M. Hutchinson, K. Blocher, & J. Young

10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, J. Mounsey, B. Kelly, J. Mey, M. Miller, J. McGrew, J. Smelser, & E. Vandergriff

OSHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hartman, M. Hutchinson 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Miller, K. Miller, J. Bond

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Rolph & Judy Church

ACOLYTES

Holly Palbe & Jessica Anderson

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Kris Ohneck

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I -- Dave & Deb Rinker Team II -- J. Truesdell & B. Smith

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Bobbie Lindsay 10:45 a.m. Deb Rinker

Birthdays July 9 - 22

Helen Sheerin (9), David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9), Janet Myers (9)
Alice Nulf (10), Marge Thomas (11)
Judy Markley (12), Darvin Tomes (14),
Thelma Swift (17), Erma Vanderwall (17),
Barbara Clevenger (17), Sue Oden (18),
George Davis (18), Sherry Lytle (20),
Brooke Spencer (20), & DJ. Rinker (22)

Don't miss Sundays in July

This Sunday our own Diane Mory will be our guest soloist. The Rev. Zehr's message is entitled, "Freedom to Die."

With medical technology becoming so complex, people can live on a machine for a long time. Should we have the freedom to die?

Then on Sunday, July 11, you will not want to miss this Sunday. The quartet consisting of Casey Clark, Deb Lehman, Kirk Spencer, and John Kratzat will be singing.

Thanks given

Thanks to the Falbe's for hosting our end of the year choir party. We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner, fellowship and the fun of seeing our treasures find a new home.

To everyone who helped make the day so enjoyable -- a huge thank you!!!

Thank you!

Our hearts have been warmed by all the cards, calls, visits, and thoughtful gifts of our church family. We wish to thank you once more for all your concern.

--Don & Vee Parlette

Looking down the road on Sunday, July 18, Becca Widmer will be singing a song from her new album. You won't want to miss it!

Joys



Our sympathy is extended to Glenn & Lola Miller and family in the recent death of Glenn's sister, Blanche Neat. Also, remember in your prayers their grandson, Mark Rayl, who had surgery this week.

Our prayers are with Wayne Zull, Nancy Jackson's father, who is recovering at Lutheran Hospital from a heart attack.

Ruth Truesdell is a patient at Lutheran Hospital. Please remember her in your prayers.

Roger Gross is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Don't Forget!!!

***The Stewardship Meeting will convene at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 12.

Community

Hymn Sings
7 PM Wed. July 7, Trinity Episcopal
611 W. Berry

7 PM Wed. Aug. 25, Cathedral 1120 S. Calhoun

4 PM Sun. Sept. 26, First Baptist 2323 Fairfield

4 PM Sun. Oct. 3, Trinity English Lutheran, 405 W. Wayne

Offered without charge and Sponsored by the Associated Churches and Guild of Organists . Come and Celebrate!!

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WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

ARE YOU BORED?

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

FORT WAYNE HEALTHY CITIES COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A

YOUTH VISION

WHEN: JUNE 28, 1993

WHERE: SOUTHTOWN MALL, NEAR AYRES

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHY: TO TALK ABOUT YOUR DREAMS.

HOPES AND VISION FOR THE

FUTURE.

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TELL ADULTS WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AND WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

SERVING JULY 4 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. R. Church & B. Hendricks 10:45 a.m. S. Oden & D. Kreischer DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. C. Davis, A. Knappenberger.

B. Lindsay. & J. Lindsay

10:45 a.m. M. McFarland, D. Rinker,

B. Glasgow, K. Bushey, T. Hatten,

K. Walsh, W. Klepfer, & K. Spencer USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Byrket, & J. Young

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, H. Banet,

W. Bowen, & B. Glasgow HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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Karen Bushev

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Jim & Karen Bushey

Team Il -- Raiph & Judy Church

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Diane & Jerry Zehr 10:45 a.m. Larry Brey

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 4

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 5

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

8:30 a.m. Bus trip to Wrigley Field

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 12

7 p.m. Stewardship Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 13

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

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Sign up for a Fall study:

Take a Giant Leap of Faith

Believe it or not -- with the newsletters only coming out every other week and the comings and goings of vacations, you need to sign-up right now for a place in the Studies program.

We will kick off our year of deepening our spiritual growth here at First Christian Church on Sept. 12. Our theme for the year is "TAKE THE NEXT STEP" of faith at First Christian.

In addition to Sunday morning services, these are the following STEPS you should take to deepen your faith this year.

First, A.B.I.L. meets Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. for 10 weeks in the Spring. Do you want to know how the Bible is made up and what the 66 books of the Bible are? Do you want to begin to let the Word of God take root in your own hearts and lives?

A.B.I.L. will let you see an overview of the Bible (the Old

Testament the first year and the New Testament during the second year). With other Christians, you'll begin to discover how the Word of God can enrich your life and the life of the world.

The cost is \$25 per semester for the materials we will use to study. Diane Zehr will be the leader.

Second, People of the Covenant will be a time arranged by members of a group (8 per group).

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"A Service of Praise and Celebration" July 18 8 to 9 p.m. (CT) Channel 10

From Here to Zehr

By the time you receive this newsletter I hope to be across the river in St. Louis at General Assembly. I hope you noticed the article about the service on Channel 10 Sunday night at 8 p.m. This will be live from St. Louis with Bishop Tutu as the guest preacher. give you a chance to join us with 8,000 Disciples in worship at the General Assembly.

This Assembly is very special because we are joining together with our brothers and sisters of the United Church of Christ for worship and discussions. We will have separate business sessions. but we will have joint times of worship.

In addition. Dr. Richard Hamm

will be voted to become our next General Minister and President. He will be here at F.C.C. to preach on August 29 in both services. The Assembly looks to be very exciting this year. have a number of adults and our youth group going. Keep us all in your prayers.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Tf there are any emergencies, you may call one of elders or the Rev. North Christian Vickery from Church will cover for me. Diane Johnson has my number in St. Louis if you need to get in touch with me.

Next weeks' serving schedule

SERVING JULY 25 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ewing & L. Ewing 10:45 a.m. C. Hatten & R. Krull

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay,

A. Knappenberger, K. Blocher

10:45 a.m. K. Walsh, K. Bushey, K. Spencer,

D. Rinker, B. Kelly, J. Mey,

J. McGrew, & W. Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, A. Cook, & C. Byrket 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, H. Banet,

W. Bowen, & J. Anderson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Miller, A. Moll, & D. Rinker **COFFEE HOUR HOST**

Betty Grimm

ACOLYTES

Katie Moll & Jamie Bushey

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Laura McFarland

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Bob & Bev Hendricks Team II -- Don & Sue Oden

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Bill Johnson 10:45 a.m. Joan Franklin

Take a Giant Leap

Continued from Page One

Many of you were a part of a Taste of the Covenant during Lent and expressed an interest in continuing this during the fall.

This weekly experience will meet 30 weeks (10 in the fall; 10 in the winter; and 10 in the spring) and will include time for prayer, sharing, Bible study, and living out your faith in a mission project chosen just by your group.

Leadership will be shared by members of this group. Training is provided by the regional church. Cost is approximately \$5 for each 10 week session. This small fee will pay for the study guide's used.

Third will be Hunger for Healing, which will run 12 weeks from Sept. 15 through Nov. 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This group will take a look at AA's 12 steps recovery program. It will show how the principles used in this program are a classic model for Christian's spiritual growth and can be used by ALL of us for emotional and spiritual healing.

Group members will have video segments each week hosted by Keith Miller, a respected counselor and committed Christian. The group will also have time for sharing and praying together.



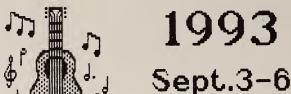
Hunger for Healing will be led by Dave Rinker and Jake Smelser. Cost is \$10 per person, yet scholarships are available.

Fourth, a Drama Group will meet starting on Saturday, Sept. 18. Each Saturday, members will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This course will be for those with or without previous drama background and will teach you the skills of acting. We hope then to do some presentations as a troupe within our congregation. Jerry Zehr will lead this group.

Fifth, M.O.M. -- Morning Out for Moms will meet on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Childcare will be available, so moms at home can gather for fellowship and support.

Lori Vandergriff is scheduled to lead this program. The program will be developed by moms to meet their needs.

Sign-up now for these great steps to strengthen your faith!





FAMILY CAMP WE ARE CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE

KEYNOTER Mary Rudy

"Building Family Strengths" REGISTRATION MUST BE IN BY AUGUST 14TH

PLAN AHEAD SEND YOURS EARLY
Come for a weekend of Worship
Fellowship and Fun

You may get registrations at the church office

Vorship Committee makes change in fee

During the month of July, the altar lowers will be coming from different trea florists. The lorship Committee has decided we may need a change.

One of the first hings to change will be the price. Altar flowers will be \$20 each week. The price will change even if we keep the same florist.

Please keep watching and if there is a Sunday you particularly like, let someone on

the Worship Committee know. We'd like your input as well.

Beginning with the first Sunday in July, if you signed up for altar flowers, the charge is now \$20 rather than \$15.

Living in God's Creation" going to zoo

On Sunday, Aug. 21, children age three through 5th grade will be taking a field trip to the zoo during Sunday School. The children will leave the church at 2:30 a.m. and return by 12 noon. At this time, details about the crip are tentative. Specific details will be in the next

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newsletter and the kids will be receiving more information in Sunday School. If you have any questions, please call Shannon Lutz at 747-9748.

Reminders...

READ TO FEED UPDATE Please turn in your sponsor envelopes and money to Anne Moll or the church office as soon as possible, so we can get a final total. So far...eight children have turned in \$159. GREAT WORK!

<u>DISCIPLE MAGAZINE</u> If you are interested in receiving the Disciple Magazine, please call Karen Bushey (747-3770) or the church office (744-3239) A.S.A.P.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS -- Statements may be picked up this Sunday in the Narthex.

SERVING JULY 18 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ludwig & B. Crouse
10:45 a.m. G. Klepfer & E. Klepfer
DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks, C. Davis,

J. Arnold, & M. Arnold

10:45 a.m. S. Zimmerman, J. Bushey, B. Falbe, A. Moll, B. Smith, F. Beckwith,

L. Bushey, & G. Shirley

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, C. Davis, D. Graham 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, G. Miller,

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8:15 a.m. Julia Arnold 10:45 a.m. Judy Mey

CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 15-20

General Assembly SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

BIRTHDAYS -- JULY 23 - AUGUST 5

Mary Wilhelm (23), Dustin McEvoy (23), Forrest Smith (24), Kristie Howard (25), Woody Klepfer (26), Sue Brey (27), Glenn D. Miller (27), Kevin Bozarth (28), Laura Bowser (31), Glenn Miller (1), Mary Lou Hartzler (1), Wanda Howell (1), Margaret Snouffer (1), Dick Mory (1), Lori Lewis (1), Kelly Walsh (1), Kathryn Eich (4), Gloria Phillips (4), and Karen Lands (4)

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A special breakfast coming:

Food for the Body & Food for the Soul

A common question in this and many other congregations centers on the need and use of local church funds to support community, state, national, and international mission efforts of assistance and Christian witness in the world.

We can get some of our questions answered at F.C.C. at <u>BREAKFAST PLUS</u>, a series of meetings during Sunday School hour (9:30 to 10:30 a.m.) every Sunday during August.

Thanks to our Outreach Committee, we will hear from a series of speakers who will focus on the various ways we reach out to the world whether it be locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally.

Your Stewardship, Education, & Outreach Committee strongly recommends your attendance at these meetings. A better

understanding of our mission for God's church and world will help each of us find a greater degree of comfort and a stronger dedication of our hearts in supporting these outreach efforts of the Church.

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Look for Special insert inside...

From Here to Zehr

The Assembly was GREAT!!! Make sure you see the articles in a special insert in this issue.

First Christian has been fortunate to have John Perry as our custodian for the past eight years. He has taken another job as the chief maintenance person at the American Legion.

John and his wife Julie will be with us in worship on Sunday, Aug. 1 to say goodbye to them. We thank God for all of John's work. Our new custodian's name is Brad May. He has recently returned from military service and has excellent mechanical and cleaning skills. He will be on a three months probationary period. Please introduce yourself to Brad.

In money matters, the Finance Committee has reflected over the giving of our members during the past six months. They told me that we are \$2,700 in the red. We have 174 giving units with 104 either equal or above in their giving -- Yeah!!!

However, we have 70 giving

units who are behind by \$6,500. This averages out to \$85 per giving unit behind. This does not seem like a lot when I first thought about it, but then I realized that when a number of us are behind a little, it really affects the whole. If you think your giving won't be missed —you're wrong, as it does. We need every \$25, \$50, or \$10 gift to the church.

I hope this summer while you are on vacation you will not forget the church.

If you are behind in your giving, please try to catch up if you can -- everything helps. you are current or above giving -- thank you! This will help those who have not been able to give as much as they would like because of transition or other circumstances. thank God for all of the generous people of this church who make this ministry happen with God's power and grace.

Peace -- Your Pastor Jerry

Read-to-Feed program wraps up

Congratulations to 24 of our children who read a total of 250 books and collected \$284.10 from their sponsors in the Heifer Project, Read-to-Feed Program.

In September, our children will decide together what kind of animals they would like to

purchase for some needy families around the world: sheep, goats, pigs, bees, fish, chicks, rabbits, or maybe even a HEIFER.

CONGRATULATIONS kids for a job well done and also to Anne Moll for keeping up with their reading records.

On the move...

There are a number of folks in our church family who are in the process of moving. We extend our love to them as they make these changes:

Kirk, Lynn, Shawn, and Brooke Spencer will be moving to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Kirk will begin a new job.

<u>Richard and Linda Merrick</u> will be moving to Illinois and beginning a bed and breakfast near their family.

Rolland and Genevieve Ripple will be moving to California to be near their daughter.

<u>Mildred Hogg</u> has moved from her apartment at Three Rivers to the Townhouse.

Please make note of these changes in the lives of our family members and extend to them your care.

Trustees to meet

There will be no Board of Trustees meeting in August, but please mark your calendars for the Board Day Retreat on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pokagon State Park.

We will leave from the church at 8 a.m. for those who want to carpool. The first session will begin at 9 a.m.

Please bring money for lunch. Our meetings will take place in the Friendship Room in the Inn.

Joys



Our sympathy is extended to Kim Gross and Vicki in the recent death of Roger.

Our sympathy is also extended to Velma Hechler in the recent death of John.

Please remember Margaret Snouffer, who is a patient at Lutheran Hospital and Elinor Place, who is recuperating at home following surgery. Also, Jo Weyer will be having tests this week.

Our prayers are with Charline Craig and her family as her son who will begin Ophthalmology in Lima, Ohio, and will be spending two weeks working in a hospital in Honduras.

Our prayers are with Judith Sheets and her brother-in-law, who has a brain tumor.

Our sympathy is extended to Mildred Linn in the recent death of Carl. Also, remember Sharon Pauley and her family in the recent death of Bob.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pearl Heidecker who died this past week and to Charles Hatten in the recent death of his mother.

Breakfast Plus What?

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Here's the schedule of topics for our Breakfast Plus, which meets in the Fellowship Hall for all adults every Sunday in August from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

***Aug. 1 -- <u>The Big Picture</u> of Who we are as the <u>Christian</u> <u>Church (Disciples of Christ)</u>. with the Rev. Diane Zehr.

***Aug. 8 -- What are some of the parts of this Body of Christ. with the Rev. Art Vermillion, our associate Indiana Regional Minister.

***Aug. 15 -- <u>How do we</u> reach out in Fort Wayne? with Nick Knappenberger & Charlie Hatten.

***Aug. 22 -- What is a Region of the CC and why is it one of our best kept secrets of our mission ministry? with the Rev. Chuck Blaisdell, Regional

Associate Minister of Indiana.

***Aug. 29 -- We know what one looks like, but what's a General Minister & President do? (and what is the General Church anyway?) with Dr. Richard Hamm.

Thank you

I want to thank everyone who had me in their prayers and thoughts. I wish to thank those who sent cards and those who visited.

Tests that have been taken lead the doctors to believe I had a stroke. There are many more tests the doctor wants done.

I finally got to play golf, not well, but I got to wander the course. Everything is looking up thanks to all of you and God, and a very special thanks to my wife Kristy.

-- John Ohneck

Next weeks' serving schedule

SERVING AUGUST 8 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. L. Ewing & C. Ewing 10:45 a.m. J. Walsh & D. Mey

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. K. Blocher, B. Hendricks,

C. Davis, & A. Knappenberger

10:45 a.m. J. Mounsey, J. Smelser, J. Bushey, J. Mey, A. Moll, B. Falbe,

M. Miller, & K. Walsh USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, J. Young, & C. Davis 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, C. Falbe,

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8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

General Assembly News

A special insert following the General Assembly in St. Louis

Dr. Richard Hamm is the new General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). With 92 percent of the vote affirmative, Dr. Hamm will be our G.M.P. for the next six years.

Our church had
24 people who were
there for the whole
assembly with
another 20 people
who came by bus on
Tuesday for Dr.
Hamm's installation.

Ten of our participants were from our youth group who participated in the Assembly from Friday to Monday of last week.

Don't forget Dr. Hamm will be our guest preacher on Aug. 29 at both services. Besides speaking at the first service at 8:15 a.m., Dr. Hamm will speak on the topic, "What does a General Minister and

President do" during Church school. Then at the second service which will start at 11 a.m. (note the time change), Dr. Hamm will speak again. The service time has been changed to let other Disciple Churches in the area to come and participate.

Following are other articles written by members of our church who participated in the assembly.

Youth respond to General Assembly

Among the thousands of Disciples at the General Assembly were ten members of our youth group. Not only did we see Dr. Richard Hamm get elected as General Minister and President, we listened to Bishop Tutu, and volunteered to help flood victims.

It was great to see Dick, Mindy, David, and Laura Hamm, Jim Grimshaw, and Dick and Katie Kilgore. We also spent a very hot and tiring day at Six Flags,

an amusement park near St. Louis.

We give our thanks to Donna McEvoy and Leo Heimann for sponsoring our trip; Bill and Joan Franklin for helping to pay for our T-shirts; and the members of First Christian Church for supporting our youth group and making our trip possible.

--Charlotte Ewing
CYF Youth

Memories from those on the bus

Braving reports of high water and heavy traffic, two bus loads of folk from Fort Wayne went to St. Louis on July 20 to join in the celebration of Dick Hamm's installation as President and General Minister of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

The river was wide and the traffic was stalled for miles on the approach to the few bridges open to the city, but spirits were high and anticipation intense as the Festival Choir and its guest singers and friends arrived at the Convention Center earlier than expected on Tuesday afternoon.

Those from First Christian in the 77 voice choir were Jo Franklin, Ginny and Bill Johnson, Jack and Bobbie Lindsay, Donna McEvoy-Heimann, Judy Mey, Kris and John Ohneck, Deb Rinker, Jane Walsh, Janet Weicker, and Erma and Dick Vanderwall.

Others going with the choir, and acting as inspiration whether they knew it or not, (and also fellow celebrants!) were Kathy Blocher, Laurie Bushey, Charlotte Ewing, Dwain and Kathy Graham, Mildred Hartman, Mildred Hutchinson, Diane Johnson, Chuck and Jean McGrew, Genevieve Ripple, and Mary Wilhelm.

And whom to you suppose they ran into? — Bill Franklin and Jack Weicker. But after the service there was a REAL reunion when Harold and Ruby Cline, Jim Grimshaw, Dick, Mindy, Laura and David Hamm, Dick and Katie Kilgore, Barbara Short, Don and Beth Wiltfong, and Jerry and Diane Zehr showed up together with the secretary who had served, or is serving all of them so well, outside the choir's dressing-practice room.

Champagne joy! Wish you had been there, but know you were in unseen but heartfelt presence.

The Disciples gave \$25,000, 450 sandbaggers, and dozens of cookies to volunteers for flood relief during the week of the Assembly.

What I remember...

The weather was hot, hot, hot, hot!!! But, it was fun, fun, fun watching the moderator, Marilyn Moffett, cut through the business session

and then getting a chance to talk to her for awhile afterwards. (She's a Purdue grad too.)

It was fun with our First Christian

Church youth group singing in the rain waiting for a bus. Additionally, it was fun rejoicing with the new GMP and getting a hug.

Sally

Sponsor gives impressions of Assembly

The General Assembly was extremely interesting, uplifting, and spiritually rewarding. We (the Youth Group, Leo, and myself) were at first overwhelmed by the size of the Convention Center and the number of people in attendance.

The worship services Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings were filled with great music and meaningful sermons, which were all interpreted for the hearing impaired.

The flute prelude was my personal favorite. A handbell choir composed of all handicapped individuals was also impressive.

The business session in which Dick Hamm was elected as General Minister and President was very interesting. To actually see the voting process was exhilarating! What a proud moment for all of us who have a personal connection to Dick!!

On a very hot and humid afternoon, we volunteered to help out with the flood fighting efforts in St. Louis. We were sent by the American Red Cross Center to a newly-acquired warehouse to unload semi-trailers of supplies and set up a distribution center for food, clothing, and household needs.

The Youth Group worked

diligently. A special thanks goes to Bill and Joan Franklin for helping to subsidize the costs of the "I fought the flood" Tshirts.

Sunday the Youth Group spent the day at Six Flags riding roller coasters, the giant Ferris and getting drenched on the "Tidal Wave." We returned Sunday evening to hear Arch Bishop Tutu. It was a moving service His message was that we, each and everyone of us, is truly loved by God and are precious to Him. All people on this earth are loved by God so that we all should love one another. It made us feel good about doing what we could to help those flood victims. But it made me think, "What can we do to help those thousands others who are suffering other countries?"

I also participated in the Festival Choir which sang Tuesday evening as part of the installation service for Dick Hamm. Words cannot adequately express all of the emotion I experienced during the General Assembly. You could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. I am very grateful to have been there. I know I have grown in my own journey of faith.

--Donna & Leo

Congratulations to Dr. Hamm and his family!!!

Weicker's share Assembly observations

Any report we would make on the St. Louis Convention would just have to include the following observations:

First of all, we were pleased to serve First Christian as official voting delegates to the Convention. The policies proposed, the discussions held (sometimes very heated), and the decisions finally reached were all part of an attempt to somehow discern the will of God for our time.

Secondly, how wonderful it would have been if every member of our brotherhood could have been in attendance in St. Louis. No one could have attended this conference without feeling nearer to God and to each other.

Thirdly, the emerging theme of the five days and evenings there had to do with the

imperative that we must love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves. This overwhelming idea was present in all deliberations at the Convention—we were to be partners with God and partners with our fellow men and women.

Finally, to see Dick Hamm elected was the frosting on the cake. His 92 percent victory was a sign of unity and brotherhood and, to many of us, a triumph for the love of each other and of the love of God!! What a glorious moment for the Disciples of Christ.

Again, we only wish that each of you might have been at this conference. These were certainly moments that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

-- Jack and Janet Weicker

Assembly provides lasting memories

I came home full having received insight into the kind of people that make up the Disciples. I loved listening to "speak out" and to the business sessions.

I marveled over how we kept meeting friends among the thousands there, just

if it were as appointed so: Don and Beth Wiltfong, Ruby Barb Short. and Harold Cline. and Katie Dick Liz Kilgore. Johnson, Grimshaw, and of course, Dick, Mindy, Laura, and cords The family Christian

hold strong and secure through the years.

I shall always treasure the special serendipity for me of representing the congregations and presenting Dick with the stole symbolizing servanthood.

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More memories from St. Louis Assembly

Some of our memories of the St. Louis Assembly and Synod are below:

***The emense size of the Cervantes Center.

***The uncomfortable feeling of heat and humidity instantly relieved as we entered the convention halls.

***However, without a doubt the most compelling feelings came after the religious worship. They were times of great preaching and wondrous music. Each time was a memory to be cherished.

However, one does stand out in retrospect. It happened on Sunday night as 14,000 Christians (both Disciples and United Church of Christ) listened as Dr. Desmund Tutu told us how great is God's love for humankind.

We learned many things: how four adults could share one hotel room. We were surprised with the fun we had even in such close quarters. It was fun — wasn't it?

Would you believe the 10 otherwise respectable Disciples left a restaurant to enter into a deluge. Word soon got out that the ten of us had all showered together. This has to be Jack Weicker's slant on what actually happened.

You might ask Jerry for details of his "front emersion" rescue and our trip back in the "Tupelo, Mississippi Express."

Above all, two great moments among so many must not be forgotten. First, the great joy we felt as 8,000 plus delegates gave "our" Dick Hamm a resounding vote of love and confidence. The second moment occurred when more than 100 people came from Fort Wayne to sing God's praise.

What a great and fulfilling experience. Joan and I sincerely hope that many more will plan to be in Pittsburgh, PA in two years.

-- Bill and Joan Franklin

Memories

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I thought of the great opportunity he has to do good for the glory of God. I

thought of how we ought to always remember to pray for him.

I shall also remember the last evening service with the children participating and the Peace Choir

singing during the Communion, and the great sermon by James Forbes on welcoming strangers. I am glad Sally talked me into going.

-- Eunice



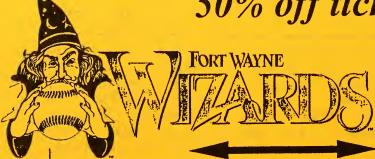
Food Bank System Day

WIZARDS GAME

Tuesday August 10, 1993 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Stadium

Bring two (2) cans of FOOD and recieve 50% off ticket price.



Bring a Can
Help FILL an empty Bowl

Be generous and give to the poor

The number of people coming to our food bank is increasing every month. The amount of help the Associated Churches Food Bank system receives from the federal government has decreased alarmingly. We need your help!

Many if not most of our clients are employed at jobs which pay little more than minimum wages. Those on welfare and AFDC are certainly not getting rich. If we don't help -- who will?

Because of the short fall in federal grant money the next two months will be critical for the food bank system in Allen County. In the fall donations from private collection will come in and pick up the load, but we need help now.

Food and personal items are welcome as always, but money is better since it allows us to buy what we need wholesale through the Associated Churches. Mark your donation for the food bank.

We have never run out of food, and we won't now. God will provide help, but it will be through you.

Yours in Christ, Wes

Attention: 3rd-5th graders

If you are interested in acolyting, please contact Lynn Medlin (436-3561) or the church

office as soon as possible.

The new schedule will begin with Sunday, Sept. 5.

Families give thanks for support

Thank you!!!

We wish to thank Jerry for coming to the funeral home and for all who sent cards, letters, and for the many phone calls during the time of Glenn's sister, Blanche Neat's funeral.

--Glenn & Lola Miller

To the congregation:

In our treasured memories we shall always think of you. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

The family of Joan Selzer and

Brad & Kathy Miller

SERVING AUGUST 1 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. M. Hartman & R. Church 10:45 a.m. S. Oden & D. Oden

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. S. Knuckles, J. Young,

N. Knappenberger, & M. Hutchinson

10:45 a.m. M. McFarland, B. Glasgow, T. Hatten, B. Smith, E. Vandergriff, L. Brey,

S. Brey, & D. Heimann

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, M. Hartman, & M. Hutchinson 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, B. Glasgow,

B. Miller, & K. Miller

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8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Plus

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7 p.m. Personnel Committee

SUNDAY. AUGUST 8

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Plus 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:15 p.m. Softball game at Franke Park

BIRTHDAYS -- AUGUST 6 - 19

Elizabeth Moody (8), Ronald Elliott (8), Laura Booher (8), Linda Wiley (9), Orda Glentzer (9), Charline Craig (10), Beverly Johnson (10), John Ohneck (11), Marilyn Snouffer (11), Marge Mitchell (13), Rebecca Bowman (15), Wilma Miller (18), Lois Finkhousen (18), Charles Linn (19), and Kirk Spencer (19)

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Dr. Richard Hamm



Dr. Richard Hamm

Newly Elected-General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Will be the Guest Speaker on Sunday, August 29, 1993 at First Christian Church

> Special Worship Services at 8:15 and 11 a.m.

A special reception will follow the 11 a.m. service

Dr. Hamm will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall for our Sunday School Hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.on the topic, "What does a General Minister and President do?"

From Here to Zehr

It was good to be back in worship after a couple weeks of vacation. This year we went white water rafting in the hills of West Virginia. It was a great experience crashing into the rapids with people falling out of the rafts and everyone getting wet.

I must admit that there were times I felt a little afraid as we went into the Class Five rapids. Yet, our guide was sitting on the back of the raft guiding us all the way.

Life is sometimes like white water rafting — exciting, frightening, and challenging. We never know what to expect, but if we listen to the guide in our lives (Jesus), He will guide us through the Class Five rapids.

Some people will never venture into the rapids of life, but nothing ventured -- nothing

gained.

The key to success of the experience was the community of rafters who looked out for each other and listened to the guide.

Hopefully, we will be a community of rafters willing to risk going through the rapids of life together -- watching out for each other and listening to our guide.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. If you would like to go white water rafting...let me know. I want to go again.

P.S.S. I hope you will be able to be with us this Sunday in worship. It will be a joy to have Dr. Hamm with us in worship.

Nursery volunteers are needed!!!

Thelma Preston, our professional care giver, has recently undergone major surgery.

Her expected recovery time is 6 to 8 weeks, and we are in need of volunteers to staff the nursery

during her leave of absence.

If you can work, even if it is only one service between Sunday, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 10, please contact Alison Knappenberger at

456-6875.

Your time will be greatly appreciated.



Choir ready to begin new season



The summer has been filled with wonderful special music, yet there is even more to come!!! As we look ahead to the fall, we need to prepare for a new season of Chancel Choir music.

Currently, we have an outstanding choir and expect to continue to grow and improve. However, we need you. If you have been sitting on the fence, please join us. The first rehearsal will be on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Child care is provided if you let us know ahead of time.

The choir will also sing on August 29. This is the Sunday that Dr. Dick Hamm will be preaching. I invite anyone to join us, however, we will be singing anthems that were introduced this past season and will only have one rehearsal the Thursday before (August 26). Give me a call if you have any questions.

TENOR ALERT!!! You may know that we have lost one of our key tenors to a new job out of state. If you sing tenor (or eyen think you can!), your choir needs you! Please share your talent with the whole congregation.

If you have any questions

about ability level required, schedule, or anything, please talk to me or any current choir member. We try to praise the Lord and have fun at the same time. Come see for yourself.

--John Kratzat

Joys

Sucern's

Margaret Snouffer has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Jo Weyer is home from Lutheran Hospital.

Evelyn Kanczuzewski is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center.

Congratulations to Lori & Andy Bagley in the recent birth of Stacey Anne born on August 6. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz.

Bill Crouse is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Thelma Preston, our nursery attendant, had surgery on August 16.

Congratulations to Cari Roush and Michael Mader (Dick & Judy Mey's daughter), as they were married at First Christian Church on August 13 by the Rev. Jerry Zehr.

Thank you!!!

Dear Church Friends,

I want to "Thank you" all for your prayers and concern for Carl and I during Carl's sickness and for your kindness since his passing. I will always remember your kindness.

Sincerely, Mildred Linn

Dear Church Family,

You're all very special people. Thanks for making us feel special too.

We are so sorry this is so late, but you all know our schedule. Thank you for the \$50. We really appreciated it.

It was great working for First Christian. You're a great bunch of people.

Sincerely, John & Julie Perry To those who volunteered,

Many thanks to the following who volunteered their time to be in the office last week while Diane Johnson was on vacation: Lois Finkhousen, Jewel Byrket, Mary Wilhelm, and Betty Grimm. A big thank you to Evelyn Yeoman for arranging for these volunteers and also for being in the office.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$750 for two Showers Chairs and one Shower Gurney.

Your gift has made a difference!!!

John Andrae, executive director, the residents and staff at Flinn all join me in expressing our appreciation for your being a part of our ministry!

Gratefully,
J. Kenneth Evans
Director of Development

Help for homeless requested

We have patterns to make shelter paks for the homeless. These are coats and a sleeping bag in one.

We need donations towards the purchase of wool and nylon and people who would help cut and sew.

We will start small and see how they work. I'd like to get two made.

Gus Paris said he could distribute them for us and get

feed back on how they work.

My heart has gone out to those people who live on the streets of Fort Wayne, some by choice and some because of bad luck, when I climb into a comfortable bed at night.

If you are also touched, please help either with your money or time. We need both.

Love in Christ, Rosie Krull

Mark your calendar!



On Sept. 12, we will have our kickoff for our fall church activities and worship. The choir will be back in worship and everyone will be back from vacations.

New Aila resses...

***Bob & Ruth Ogles have moved to the Townhouse, 2209 St. Joe Center Road, H302.

***Jake Smelser, is now at 6304 High Point Run

***Edith Varner is now at Regency Place 6006 Brandy Chase Cove, #114.

Thank you given

Dear Jerry and F.C.C. Family,

Thank you so very much for your special gift of \$2,000 from the First Christian Foundation funds for the purchase of a new office computer for the Associated Churches. It will help our agency to become much more efficient and effective with our computer needs. I am also deeply thankful to Charlie Hatten for his commitment to the effort by being chairperson of the project. Bill Johnson also did a tremendous job in securing donated software packages from Microsoft.

It also pleases me that you and Diane were there for Dick Hamm. he was like a brother to me and the entire community.

--Vernon R. Graham Executive Pastor

SERVING AUGUST 29 FLDERS

8:15 a.m. B. Crouse & M. Hartman 10:45 a.m. C. Hatten & J. Kelly

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

8 a.m. Leave for Board Retreat at Pokagon from church parking lot

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Plus

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30 p.m. Area I Board Meeting at First Christian

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

7 p.m. Children's Sunday School Teacher's meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

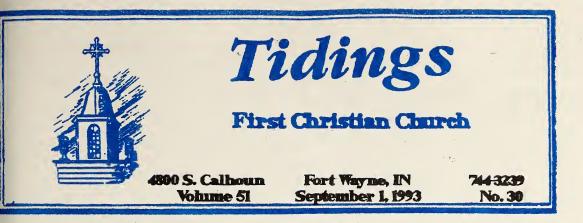
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS -- AUG. 20 - SEPT. 9

Nancy Butcher (20), Joshua Lytle (20),
Marie Redman (24), John Olson (25),
Irvin Koehlinger (25), Julie Briggs (26),
Mary Cook (28), Jerry Medlin (28), Clarence
Hendrickson (29), Gene Shirley (31), Barb Hayes
(31), Dan Moll (1), Mildred Sarrazin (1), Mildred
Jewell (1), Jason Cobb (1), Raymond Sarrazin (2),
Grace Truby (2), Evelyn Yeoman (2), Pauline
Snyder (3), Jessica Hatten (3), Diane Mory (4),
Yvonne Fouts (6), Teresa Hatten (7), Ellen Duncan
(7), Katherine Smart (8), & Kris Ohneck (9)

Some of these birthdays are being printed a little late due to the newsletter not being sent out the last time. A belated birthday card is also nicel

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See you on Sept 12 for Kickoff Sunday

We hope each one of you is choosing what step of faith you will take this year at F.C.C. To kick off our year, regular fall Sunday School classes will resume and new classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Adults can choose a class from the ones described in our brochure. Two new classes added for fall include:

- 1. The Newcomers Class will be taught by the Rev. Jerry Zehr for those new in the life of the congregation who want to explore who Disciples are and what our values and visions are as a church.
- 2. Economic Justice for Women will be taught by Kris Ohneck and Barb Hayes. This class is for men and women who are interested in a just world for all.

Our children from Kindergarten through 12th grades will begin classes in our newly renovated UPPER ROOM. Remember if we love God with all our hearts, souls, and strength, we need also to love God with all our minds as well. Deepen your faith. Take the next step Sept. 12.

Pailgate party planned for kickoff Sunday

Besides the new classes and other special events on Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 12, we'll have a Tailgate party starting at 4:30 p.m. We'll set-up the volleyball nets, grill bratwurst and hot dogs and other treats, play

games and have an evening of relaxation and fun.

You don't even have to bring any food. Just come, bring friends and family, and enjoy an evening together sponsored by our Fellowship Committee.

From Here to Zehr

Last Sunday was a great day in the life of our church. Thanks to the choir and Fellowship Committee for all the work in helping to make Sunday such a special day.

It is enriching to come together with friends of other churches to celebrate the election of Dr. Hamm with everyone in our community.

We are a community of faith that is connected to others beyond our church walls. This is part of the joy of being a part of a community of faith.

I hope you're looking forward to the fall and being in church and being a part of the community. This is where we celebrate, sing, laugh, and cry together. This is where we explore the deepest questions of our lives.

If you're new to the community of faith, I hope you will "Take the next Step" to become more connected to others.

The nurturing and support happen when we become more connected with others in the community.

If you have been involved in the community, I hope you will find a way to "Take the next Step" in the deepening of your faith.

Peace Jerry

Welcome our two new staff members

We are excited to introduce Dan Allison as our new student minister. Dan will be going to Christian Theological Seminary in the fall and will be on staff here on the weekends. will give leadership to our youth and adult young programs as well as other in serve ministerial responsibilities. Dan will begin his ministry with us Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Our other new staff person is Brad is He May. John. replacing our as Perry Brad has sexton. years served four in the military and excellent has an in background mechanical His workings. supervisor will be the Rev. Zehr and Larry Brey (property chairperson), if you have certain things you want Brad to do, check with his supervisors.

We are trying to have it set-up so that Brad will not have 250 different bosses.

Please make both of these new staff people feel welcomed.

Choir looking for additional members

The choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. If you like to sing, please come and join the choir. They have a lot of fun and fellowship as well as practice.

Under the direction of our new choir director, John Kratzat, the choir has had a great year last year, and I hope there will be some new folks who will join in the ministry of music of our church this fall.



Youth to meet new teacher Sunday

Youth

OUL

This Sunday Sunday School Class will meet and get to know our new OUTH NEWS information to follow.

Youth sponsors will most on Sunday Sept. teacher. Dan Allison.

Youth group will then begin on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. We will have a kick-off party for

all parents and youth of the church. Look for more

meet on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. after the tailgate

party for the church.

Be generous and share with the poor

Last Monday I picked up a van load of food at the Associated Churches warehouse. taking as much as they could give me. Friday we ran out of dry beans, flour, soup, bread, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent and spaghetti sauce. We were nearly out of spaghetti, tuna, vegetables and hand soap.

Monday, I will pick up a van load of food at the warehouse again, and I expect to run out of some items by 11 a.m. Friday.

have six now volunteers to help serve our

clients and this allows us to provide better service. We need your help to assure an adequate supply of food. Please donate dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, spaghetti sauce, tuna and soup. We also are in need of cash donations, AS ALWAYS.

Some of you have been very faithful in bringing food and donating money, but the need grows, so won't all of you help?

God Bless, Wes

C.E. Committee addresses problem

We'd like to ask your help in alleviating a problem with our nursery care. We need to make a safe and consistent environment for the youngest among us.

To do that we are asking that children above the ages of 3 please not be left in the nursery, so that the attention of our caregivers can be given to those whom the nursery is for.

Please ask your children who are older to not be in and out of the nursery on Sunday morning during Sunday School or worship.

We appreciate your help in this matter.

Nursery volunteers are needed!!!

Thelma Preston, our professional care giver, has recently undergone major surgery.

Her expected recovery time is 6 to 8 weeks, and we are in need of volunteers to staff the nursery during her leave of absence.

If you can work, even if it is only one service between Sunday, Aug. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 10, please contact Alison
Knappenberger at 456-6875.

Your time will be greatly appreciated.



Thank You!

Thank you for the cards, calls, and visits during my recent surgery.

—Elinor Place

Appliances needed

Barb Hayes, who is a case worker for Fort Wayne Community Schools, has a client who is in need of a washer, dryer, or a freezer.

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, contact the church office at 744-3239.

Joys

Sucern's

Let's remember Dorothy chmidt who is a patient at utheran Hospital and Evelyn anczuzewski who is a patient t St. Joseph Medical Center.

Elinor Place is having out atient surgery this week on er thumb. Please keep her in our prayers.

Fachel Circle
will have its
mediag on
Tuesday Sept 14
at 3 a.m.
at the chartech

Don't Forget!!! September 12 is Kickoff Sunday

HEAD START ALERT

Recruitment Information for 1993 - 1994 School Year

Attention Parents!! There is a free pre-kindergarten experience awaiting your child for the 1993 - 94 school year. If you have a child between the ages of 3 and 5 and receive public assistance or have a low income, or if you have a handicapped child, please call or visit the Family Service Office in your area at one of the centers listed below.

You may be able to give your child a HEAD START!

Community Action of Northeast Indiana (CANI)
St. Peter's Head Start Center
611 East Dewald Street
(corner of Hanna and Dewald Streets)
456-3506

Delegate Agency
East Wayne Head Start
825 Francis Street
(corner of East Wayne and Francis Streets)
422-6503

Now offering Home Based Programs
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Toll free number for residents of Whitley and Noble Counties 1-800-589-3506

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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9:30 a.m. Breakfast Plus

11 a.m. Second Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7 p.m. Capital Task Force Meeting

THURSDAY. SEPTEMBER 9

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8 a.m. South Side Futuring Conference at South Side High School

BIRTHDAYS -- SEPTEMBER 10 - 16

Janice Ashton (10), Erin Proegler (11), Ruth Plummer (12), Sandy Zimmerman (12), Rita Zimmerman (12), Kevin Byrket (12), Barb Rumpel (12), Beulah Timmons (13), Edith Varner (13), Edna Nordblom (15), Almeda Rice (15), and Marvel Brickley (15)

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"Take the next Step" starts Sunday

This the theme for our church for the 1993-94 program year.

How can each of us "Take the next Step" in our faith journey?

This fall you will have a number of opportunities to deepen your faith. This is the second year in our three year mission statement that our church embraced in

the spring of 1992.

Our first year theme was "Hope for the Future" with an emphasis on our evangelism efforts and opening ourselves to the community.

This year our emphasis will be in the deepening of our faith and widening our spirituality.

The insert in this week's

newsletter explains three new ways you may take the next step in your faith this fall.

This Sunday we hope to begin this year with everyone taking the next step to be in worship together. The choir will be back and the Rev. Zehr will have a message entitled. "Choosing my walking shoes."

Tailgate party planned for kickoff Sunday

Besides the new classes and other special events on Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 12, we'll have a Tailgate party starting at 4:30 p.m.

We'll set-up the volleyball nets, grill bratwurst and hot dogs and other treats, play games and have an evening of relaxation and fun.

You don't even have to bring any food.

Just come, bring friends and family, and enjoy an evening together sponsored by our Fellowship Committee.

From Here to Zehr

Did you ever have a pair of shoes that you hated to throw away?

I always have a pair of tennis shoes that have holes in the toes and smell to high heaven, yet I love to wear them. (That's an interesting image — smelling to high heaven.)

It's hard to get another pair of shoes that will feel the same. I finally get to a point though where the smell of sweat that has accumulated over the years drives me to put them to rest and let them go to shoe heaven.

If my shoes are not aired out or washed they begin to smell. It's like that with our other soles or should I say, "souls."

We need to air them out and

give them some fresh air (Spirit) to keep them from wearing out.

Do the soles of your feet feel worn out? You have to do something about them now or they will begin to smell.

I hope you will find one of the many Soul-sole groups that will help you to refresh your footwear for your faith journey.

Peace Jerry

P.S. Don't forget I will teach The Newcomers Class for those new in the life of our congregation who want to explore who Disciples are and what our values and visions are as a church.

From Diane: Minister of Faith Development

I take the title of m v ministry very seriously as a call from God and from you. Christian of First members You asked me just a Church. little over one year ago now to give leadership to us as we strengthen and deepen our faith. There will never be a greater opportunity to do that than this year as we have an all-church emphasis of "Take the Next Step" of faith.

It is the goal of the year that every member and friend of F.C.C. find one way that he or she can take a next step of faith in a class, youth group, or in some other way.

I, myself, have set goals of re-reading the Old Testament and two volumes of church history and participating in the A.B.I.L. study group.

In this newsletter you can find a listing of the many ways you can let your mind be renewed as well as your strength and heart and soul.

Set your goal and work towards it, even as God's Spirit works in you.

A Hunger for Healing to begin Oct. 6

Using the Twelve Steps as a classic model for Christian Spiritual Growth, Hunger for Healing, will use those principles as a valuable tool for emotional and spiritual healing for all persons, even those free of evident addictions.

The group will begin meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The evening sessions will include discussion, video presentations by Dr. Keith Miller, a respected counselor, and prayer.

Participants will gain new insights into the stumbling blocks of their own lives and move toward greater healing and wholeness.

Themes for the evenings include:

- 1. AN UNDERGROUND
 RAILROAD TO NEW LIFE Introducing the recovery
 process.
- 2. <u>THE BIRTH OF HOPE</u> Finding a sponsor and developing boundaries.

- 3. <u>A STEP TOWARD REAL</u>
 <u>PEACE</u> Believing in a greater
 Power.
- 4. <u>THE LONER'S NIGHTMARE</u> Turning our life over to God.
- 5. <u>A BASEMENT FULL OF</u>
 <u>DEAD DOGS</u> Taking moral inventory.
- 6. JUST TELLING ALL-NO WAY! Admitting to our wrongs.
- 7. FROM WING FLAPPING TO SPIRITUAL FLYING Asking God to remove our shortcomings.
- 8. <u>THE DOORWAY TO INTIMACY</u> Listing persons we have harmed.
- 9. <u>THE DEATH OF THE PAST</u> Making amends to those harmed.
- 10. THE MAGIC OF INTIMACY, ONE DAY AT A TIME - Continuing to take personal inventory.
- 11. <u>NEW APPROACHES TO PRAYER AND MEDITATION</u> Improving our conscious contact with God.
- 12. <u>A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING</u>

 <u>TO THE REST OF YOUR LIFE</u>
 Carrying the message to others.

Weicker to address D.M.A. on Sept. 14

Starting at 12 noon on Tuesday, Sept. 14, D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will meet for its first gathering of the fall. The special guest speaker at the pitch-in lunch will be Jack Weicker. He will weave and spin

some humorous and thoughtful stories. Everyone is invited. The drink will be provided.

The meeting date was changed because of time conflicts, so please note the date, Sept. 14.

Two new adult learning experiences



People of the Covenant



ABIL

What:

- Increased spiritual growth
- A study of the Bible as it impacts personal life experiences
- Building of relationships with other members and friends through prayer and personal sharing

How:

- Small group of 8 10 with the leadership shared
- Three ten week sessions over a year
- Meeting time and place selected by each group
- Pre-meeting preparation time about one hour
- Two hour meeting

When:

- Meeting time determined by participants (other than Sunday morning)
- Introductory meeting on Sunday evening, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

ADULT BIBLICAL INTERDEPENDENT LEARNING

What:

- A study of Old and New Testaments, utilizing quality contemporary biblical scholarship
- Increased spiritual maturity
- Use of a learning process that is cooperative, collaborative and supportive
- Building of strong relationships

How:

- One group of up to 24 persons
- First year, Old Testament Survey
- Second year, New Testament Survey
- Twenty meetings over a year
- Pre-meeting preparation time of 3 to 4 hours
- Meetings are 1 1/2 hours long
- Meeting led by Diane Zehr

When:

- Sundays from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

We hope to see YOU this Sunday!!!

Let the bell ringing resume

The Carillon Bell Choir is preparing for another season of music making. Have you thought about joining? Here is the information you need to consider when becoming a part of the Carillon:

Rehearsals: Thursdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Please note the time change!

First Rehearsal: September 16

Talent Required: Ability to lift somewhat heavy objects

Ability to stay calm under pressure (optional)
Basic ability to read music (really important)

Child Care: Can be provided upon request

Location: Bell room in basement of education building

Please note this change!

First Christian owns four octaves of bells. This last year we were able to use three octaves. In order to use all of the bells, we will need four more musicians. While we know that we are losing two ringers from last year, we already have commitments from two new ringers. So, we are holding even at this point.

We want to grow and want you to be part of it. Please call me or my of the current Carillon members if you have questions. We look

orward to having you join us.

-- John Kratzat

Sunday School Steps of Faith - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Take a Step of Faith this year - join one of the following Church School classes. Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

***Newcomer's Class - Parlor - Jerry Zehr

*** Economic Justice for Women - Parlor (on fireplace side)

- Barb Hayes & Kris Ohneck

***Progressive Class - Chapel - Glenn Miller

***Harmony Class - Fellowship Hall - Jack Weicker

***Faith Fellowship - Fellowship Hall (by stage) - Roger Moll

***Come Double - Library - Bill Franklin

*** Gospel Seekers - Conference Room - Rosie Krull & Eunice Conrad

***<u>Infants - 2 years - Nursery - Thelma Preston</u>
***<u>Beginners - 3 and 4 years - Next to nursery - Laura McFarland</u>

***K - 1 with Jake Smelser - Upper Room

***2 - 3 with Nick & Alison Knappenberger

and Teresa & Charlie Hatten - Upper Room

***4 - 5 with John Ohneck and Jean McGrew - Upper Room

***6 - 12 with Dan Allison - Upper Room

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4:30 p.m. Tailgate Party

6 p.m. Youth Sponsor Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9 a.m. Rachel Circle

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:45 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS -- SEPTEMBER 17 - 23

Dan Flickinger (17)

Ginny Johnson (19)

Mary Novachcoff (19)

Klark Kerley (20)

Rosalie Hall (20)

Ruth Norton (21)

Brian Prechtl (22) Lynn Medlin (22)

Westin Hudlow (22)

Anita Ellis (23)

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Tidings

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Youth & Parents Youth Groups and Creative Arts Kick-off is Sunday, Sept. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The second annual "Potato Patch Surprise" will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19. This is for youth in grades 1 to 12 and their parents.

We want all parents and youth to attend this where we can get input from

all the parents and everyone can meet the new staff who will working in youth our programs.

There will be "Big" Potatoes special toppings Come and everyone to eat. support your churches' youth program.

Catch a "Glimps" of the Christian Faith

Ever wonder what happened to the twelve disciples? Or do you know what led famous artist like Pascal or Bach to do such creative work in their fields?

Over this next year in every other newsletter, you'll find a small half page sheet "Glimpses of Church History".

It is a gift to you from the Christian Education Committee

gives every member friend of F.C.C. who receives this newsletter one more way "Take the Next Step" to deepen your faith this year.

The wonderful thing about this is even our homebound can participate just by reading these inserts every week.

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From Here to Zehr

We had a great kick-off Sunday beginning our theme, "Take the Next Step" of faith. I began my new Sunday School class for newcomers, and I want to invite other folks who are new to the church to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

Thanks to Karen Bushey and the Fellowship Committee for our Tailgate Party last Sunday evening. It was a lot of fun and fellowship. Enclosed in the newsletter is a brochure explaining five new groups that you might participate in this fall as you "Take the Next Step" in your faith development. I really hope you will find one of these groups to participate in. I think you will find it to be renewing and refreshing for your life.

Peace Jerry

South Side Futuring Conference a big success

On Saturday, Sept. 11 at South Side High School, 140 leaders of the south side of Fort Wayne gathered together to celebrate the strengths of the south side and explore some of the issues that confront those who live on this side of town.

It was a positive day with Mayor Paul Helmke, our Councilman Clete Edmonds, East Allen Schools Superintendent Dr. Gland, Jennifer Manth, principal of South Side, clergy from the area, as well as business leaders and neighborhood association presidents.

Many people asked, "Who organized this event" and you should know that the idea and completion of this project came out of the combined efforts of our church's Community Task Force in conjunction with the

Church and Community Task Force of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren.

What began a year ago with an idea around a table came into a great reality. Who says one or two people can't make a difference.

"Glimpses"

Continued from Page One

Just a few minutes every other Wednesday will give you some fresh insight into the people of God who have been the church over the last 2,000 years. You might even want to keep a folder of past issues, so you can go back and look at them again. It's one more great way to TAKE THE NEXT STEP OF FAITH.

New Youth Choir to form Oct. 3

This summer we tried a Youth Choir and it worked! We had fun and sang during worship in late June.

The enthusiasm has justified a full-time choir. The first rehearsal will be Sunday evening Oct. 3. The time is 5:20 to 6 p.m. Don't be late because we need to quit by 6 p.m. for the normal youth activities.

"Tidings" says thanks

Many thanks to Elinor Place for her time as a "newsletter volunteer." She is taking a well deserved break from preparing the newsletter for mailing every week.

We welcome Jewel Byrket back!
Other "Tidings" newsletter
volunteers include: Bill & Jo
Franklin, Bob Smith, Jackie Keller,
Ruth Yentes, and Betty Maksl.

Appliances needed

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Youth choir is open to all singers in 5th through 12th grades. The location is the choir room on the second floor of the education building.

Our first order of business is to <u>find a better name for our choir!</u> I hope to see you there and please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Joys



Please keep the following in your daily prayers:

Margaret Snouffer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Pauline Snyder had outpatient surgery this week.

Bob Mitchell is home from Lutheran Hospital.

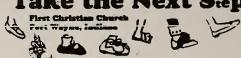
Please welcome our new members...Richard & Teresa Crain, who transferred their membership last Sunday. They live at 926 Northwood and their phone is 471-3152.

Dennis Steckley also transferred his membership last Sunday. His address is 910 W. Berry, #2B. His phone is 423-3471.

Welcome to First Christian!!!

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Take the Next Sep



order You can of our new one shirts with the "Take the Next Step" on it. You may send your order and check form to the church or see Sue Brey in the Fellowship for Sunday on sample sizes, prices, and order forms.

There are navy blue polo shirts, Tshirts sweatshirts available.

Don't forget about the Potato Patch Surprise" Sept. 18

Phone:

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Sunday School Steps of Faith - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Take a Step of Faith this year - join one of the following Church School classes. Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

***Newcomer's Class - Parlor - Jerry Zehr

***Economic Justice for Women - Parlor (on fireplace side)

- Barb Hayes & Kris Ohneck

***Progressive Class - Chapel - Glenn Miller

***Harmony Class - Fellowship Hall - Jack Weicker

***Faith Fellowship - Fellowship Hall (by stage) - Roger Moll

***Come Double - Library - Bill Franklin

***Gospel Seekers - Conference Room - Rosie Krull & Eunice Conrad

***Infants - 2 years - Nursery - Thelma Preston

***Beginners - 3 and 4 years - Next to nursery - Laura McFarland

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***2 - 3 with Nick & Alison Knappenberger

and Teresa & Charlie Hatten - Upper Room

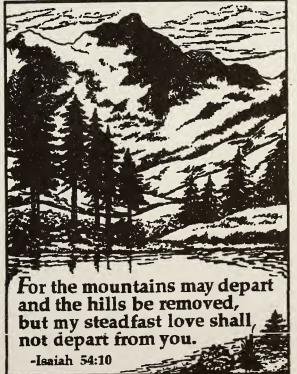
***4 - 5 with John Ohneck and Jean McGrew - Upper Room

***6 - 12 with Dan Allison - Upper Room

C.E. Committee addresses problem

We'd like to ask your help in alleviating a problem with our nursery care. We need to make safe and consistent environment for the youngest To do that we are among us. asking that children above the ages of 3 please not be left in nursery. that SO attention of our caregivers can given to those whom nursery is for.

Please ask your children who are older to not be in and out of the nursery on Sunday morning during Sunday School or worship. We appreciate your help in this matter.



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6 p.m. All Youth/Parents Kick-off meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:45 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER 24-30

Robert Petty (24)
Jenny Harter (25)
Dorothy Overmyer (26)
Ralph Richard (29)
John Briggs (29)
Burt Long (29)
Lorrie Markley (29)

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Open House to be held in Upper Room

Sunday It's a.m. on where morning. Do you know your children are?

If they are three years old through 12th grade and you are in First Christian Church, the chances are good you will find them in THE UPPER ROOM.

They'll be in the gathering space singing or in one of the four classrooms or maybe even in the children's library sitting on a floor pillow reading a book.

We'd like to invite everyone come and see our space where renovated children and youth grow-up in Christ after worship times (8:15 and 10:45 a.m.) to THE ROOM on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Children send animals to world's needy

Our kids spent the \$550 they collected over the summer in Vacation Bible School offering and their reading Program. Here's what they decided to purchase through World the Church Heifer Service 3 trios of Project: rabbits (9 in all); 17 stock of fish (510 25,000 fish in all): bees (2 packs); and

flocks of chicks (140 in all).

These animals go families all globe around the provide food and them sources for income and producing items as well. When the animals multiply, it is the tradition of the Heifer project that the first be given offspring another vet

family who needs them.

We had a great time deciding what we would purchase and learned how good it can be give to to others.



From Here to Zehr

It is hard to imagine that this Sunday will be the end of our second year of ministry together.

I remember that first Sunday well, with the butterflies in my stomach as I began to preach. The title of my sermon was "Coming Home," and it was like coming home, returning to Fort Wayne after 20 years.

Diane and I have enjoyed our congregation the past two years and look forward to this next

year together.

I must tell you I feel more excited about our ministry together than ever before. With our theme of 'Taking the next step' and all the different small group experiences happening in the church, I truly feel we will all deepen our faith together.

Thank you for all of your support for the church financially and prayerfully.

Three goals I had on a personal level for our church were that we would have a strong youth program, that we would be financially in good shape at the end of the year and not have to cut our outreach budget to end in the black, and finally, to have a number of small groups where people experience the power of the Holy Spirit that would transform our lives.

We are not there yet, but we're pressing towards the upward call.

See you Sunday!

Peace Jerry

D.M.A. to take trip to Pokagon

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will have a fall trip to Pokagon State Park on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

We hope the leaves will cooperate!

Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. and the cost will be \$6.90. This includes tax and gratuity.

We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m.

and also from the northside of town at



this same time.

We have people that have volunteered to drive, so we want to know those that need a ride.

Reservations must be in by Monday, Sept. 27th. Please call the church office or Erma Vanderwall at 484-7878.

New youth leader introduces self

Thank you to all that have gone out of your way to make me feel at home and welcomed at First Christian. Your friendship and support has been overwhelming. I hope you will bear with me in trying to learn all your names and keeping the relationships right.

Since you have entrusted me with one of (if not the) most important jobs in the church—that of being youth leader, I feel compelled to share some of my background. Not that it gives me any special qualities for this task, but that you may know me better.

I was born and raised in Fort Wayne. I graduated from Northrop. (Class of '73 - same as Jerry if you can believe that!) raised born and was Presbyterian. I was ordained as a deacon, elder, and then was married in Bethany Presbyterian Church on West Main St. transferred our we Trinity membership to Presbyterian, so that is "home" church.

I have been married to a beautiful woman, Cathy S. (Sheean) since October of 1979. We have two beautiful children, Corey Daniel, who is seven years old and all boy and Carrie Elizabeth, who is five years old and all girl!

My secular background is mainly in the service sector.

I've worked on cars and trucks most of my life that includes three years in the army and eight years with the Post Office in Fort Wayne. The rest has been in the towing and recovery business, mainly dealing with large trucks/semis for Allen County Towing. In 1991, I was honored to be included in the first class of "Recovery Masters," a national honor for experience and education in the towing and recovery field.

I tell you all this so you have some understanding of where I come from and also to emphasize that God uses each of us in many different ways and that we all come with many different talents and gifts, each to be used to glorify God.

--Dan Allison

Youth Croup Flash

Sept. 26 - 8 to 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball starts at 5:30 p.m.

Hunger issues and CROP walk info
Presented by Charlie Hatten
Refreshments by Kem Benny
Come 8 bring a friend!!

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Thanks to Vee Parlette for the lovely piano music that she offers between Sunday School and second service. Each Sunday. she will be playing from 10:20 to 10:40 a.m. We are delighted that Vee is well enough to be back even more delighted to be able to enjoy her music each week.

A big thank you to all in attendance at. the "Potato Patch Surprise." I feel we have begun our next step of faith with a solid core of youth, sponsors, and parents. For the group to be a success, it will take this type of involvement.

I would like to give a GIANT thank you to Anne and Roger Moll for their many hours preparing and cleaning up our taters.

Thank you all for your visits. thoughtfulness, cards, and prayers. They were all greatly appreciated.

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-- Dorothy Schmidt

On behalf of the Allen County

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition, thank you for continued support. We received your check of \$500 to support our project. "A Baby's Closet".

F.C.C. has been generous in not only providing space for the store but providing monetary help as well.

-- Pat Erdman. Treasurer



Margaret Snouffer is home from Lutheran Hospital.

Meanwhile, Grant Woodward patient at Lutheran a is Hospital.

Our prayers are with the family of Helen Sheerin in the death of recent Helen last week.

Congratulations to Krouse as (Booher) and Roy married last. thev were First Saturday evening Christian Church.

Congratulations to Bob and Doey Smith in the birth of a grandson born Sept. 15, 1993. Matthew Ross weighed 7.6 oz.

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9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6 p.m. Creative Arts

6 p.m. Chi Rho & CYF

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 28

7 p.m. Committee Chairs 7:30 p.m. Committees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:45 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

8 p.m. Step Into Fall Clean-Up Day

BIRTHDAYS -- OCTOBER 1 - 7

Geraldine Hendrickson (1)

Lynn Spencer (1)

John Kratzat (2)

Anna Taylor (2)

Estel Vandergriff (2)

Ruth I. Bennington (3)

Bruce Stone (3)

Kathlyn Banet (4)

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Brian Hayes (5)

Jean McGrew (5)

Deb Lester-Webb (5)

Earl Plummer (6)

Betty Maksl (7)

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Step Into Fall Clean-up Day Saturday, Oct. 2 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Not everyone can teach or sing in the choir but almost everyone can clean. Will you come this Saturday, Oct. 2 and give a couple hours to your church and help us get ready for the winter.

The church needs a good cleaning. We have some projects to complete this fall to help our church look nice.

It's always a lot of fun, so come on over for <u>just a</u> couple of hours and help your church.

Open House to be held in Upper Room

If you haven't seen our newly renovated UPPER ROOM for childrens' ministries, be sure you take a minute to do that on Sunday, Oct. 3 after our 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services.

Please notice the blue ribbons that will be worn by all those who, in some way, have made a contribution of money and/or time to work to make the UPPER ROOM a reality.

Coffee hour refreshments will be served there.

Zehr on Cable 10

Rev. Jerry Zehr will be on Channel 10 this coming Sunday. Oct. 3 at 7 pm. talking about our churches ministry and the South Side Futuring Conference.

From Here to Zehr



This coming Sunday we will celebrate Holy Communion with Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

Even though many churches do not take communion

every Sunday, this Sunday is set by the World Council on Churches to encourage churches of all traditions to take communion together, celebrating our unity in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I hope you will make a special effort to be in worship and to join in the special communion service.

We also are happy to announce the hiring of our new organist, Phyllis Lahr. She has been playing the organ for the past 35 years, with her last employment as church organist at



Aldersgate United Methodist.

We are happy-to have Phyllis with us and will be looking forward to her beautiful music. She will begin this Sunday, so come and greet our new

organist.

There are a lot of programs and groups for you to have the opportunity to deepen your faith. I am especially glad to see some adults who have not attended Sunday School begin making this a priority. We have some excellent teachers and material to study.

I hope you have decided how you are taking the next step in your faith journey this fall.

See you Sunday!

Peace Jerry

New drama group to start Oct. 9

A 'new drama group will start on Saturday, Oct. 9.

This drama workshop will start at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon. The workshop will run 10 weeks for

anyone who enjoys acting and creating stories with their imagination.

You do not have to have experience to join. We will begin with the very basics of acting, pantomime, improvisation, and then we will go from there.

It should be a lot of fun. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Please wear loose fitting clothes.

CROP Walk to be Sunday, Oct. 17

The Fort Wayne CROP walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 17, starting at 2 p.m. at the Foellinger Theater in Franke Park.

This is a way you can help the hungry in Fort Wayne and Indiana. Individuals get people to sponsor them for as many miles as they can walk on the route.

Our own Charlie Hatten is the chairperson of the whole event for Fort Wayne. Teresa Hatten will be our coordinator for our church.

If you want to walk, call the church office at 744-3239 or Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 and get a registration form. We always have a group of adults and youth who walk together, so let's take a step of exercise for the hungry.

F.C.C. Youth Group needs your help with pledges

The Youth Group will participate in the upcoming CROP Walk for hunger. We will be soliciting pledges the next two Sundays, Oct. 3 and 10. Won't you please help sponsor the youth for this worthwhile service project.

Our next meeting will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Come and learn a new game.

The Top 10 Reasons to Join a CROP Walk

- 10. Dazzle sponsors with Day-Glo nail enamel.
 - **9.** Globally aware alternative to "personals" column.
 - 8. Cheaper than a trip to "Tan-a-Rama."
 - 7. Show biz exposure in local media.
 - 6. Create Arnold-like muscles carrying banners.
 - 5. Compare air quality with local gym.
 - 4. CROP signs great camouflage for the shy.
 - 3. Count cows between rest stops.
 - 2. Doctor says: Do 10K, and call me in the morning.



1. And the number one reason to sign up for a CROP Walk? Read the "ad" in Matthew 25 and decided to "Just Do It!"

No kidding.

Hunger for Healing begins October 6

Hunger for Healing will have its first meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

If you feel the need for finding wholeness and healing for your life, there is still room and time to be in this class. We'll be using the 12 step model of AA to look at our own spiritual health.

A.B.I.L. starts Oct. 3

A.B.I.L. begins meeting Sunday evening, Oct. 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. far 20 persons registered to take this HIGH impact step of faith. We'll begin by having an overview of our materials and some beginning work on our study overview of the Old Testament.

Joys.



Congratulations to Richard & Teresa Crain as they were married at F.C.C. last Saturday evening!

Lawrence Selzer, Kathy Miller's father, is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Jo Weyer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Grant Woodward has gone home from Lutheran Hospital.

Jack Phillips fell and is recovering at home.

Bernice Montomery would like your prayers so that she may have better health.

D.M.A. to take trip to Pokagon

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CWF begins new year with breakfast

All women are invited to a Caribbean breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 9 starting at 9 a.m. in the church parlor.

Come and discover the other side of Paradise as we begin a new year of Christian Women's

Fellowship (CWF). This is another opportunity to "Take the Next Step".

Please call Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 or Judy Mey at 493-3993 to register.

Children's behavior workshop to be held

A workshop designed for anyone who works with children of any age will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, located at the northwest corner of Cook and Coldwater.

The workshop entitled, "Redirecting Children's Behavior,"

will give participants a better understanding of why children misbehave and how to redirect their actions. Terrie Taulbee, parenting instructor, will be the instructor.

For more information or an registration blank, call the church. Cost is \$35. Space is limited. Register before Oct. 19.

If you haven't taken "The Next Step"...

Think about this

"The best thing for being sad...is to <u>learn</u> something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and tremble in your anotomies. You may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins. You may miss your only love. You may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics or know your honor trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then -- <u>to learn</u>. Learn why the world wags and what wags it."

--Terence H. White The Once and Future King

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7 p.m. Search for Meaning - Channel 10

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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10 a.m. M.O.M.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Barbee Work Day 9 a.m. CWF Breakfast 10 a.m. CYF Area I Meeting North Christian 10:30 a.m. Drama Group

BIRTHDAYS -- OCTOBER 8 - 14

Eileen Klepfer (8), Bill Johnson (9),
Mildred Hogg (10), Candace Cole (10),
Kathy Graham (10), Mike Chapin (10),
Doris Koehlinger (11),
Pheung Phomsoupha (11),
John Truesdell (12), Anne Scott (12),
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From Here to Zehr

This week we have all heard Russia the uprising in Yeltsin and the between As I watched the Parliament. news I reflected on how hard it must be for the Russian leaders to really believe they could have a democratic government after so many years of a dictatorial There will be many system. stops and starts, successes and failures, in the development of their new identity. It is still up in the air if they will really their Governmental change system.

It's hard for me to imagine a large country like the Soviet Union making such a change. I can't even stay on a diet and change my eating habits.

Maybe the change in Russia isn't only about the changing of an external system that shapes the people but the change reflects an internal change that is trying to take place within the hearts and minds of the Russian leaders.

How does transformation and growth happen for a person, a church, or a nation? of watch the struggles the Russian leaders maybe can Our learn something about transformation as well. May we brothers pray for our Russian and sisters, may we pray for strive each other as we expand and deepen our own growth in the "Image of God." Peace. Jerry

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH YOUTH NEWS.....

We had an excellent turn out at meeting last our Sunday. It was great to see some new faces and meet some new friends. It was great to get more some enthusiastic support for the Crop Walk. ne have over fifteen people scheduled to walk. I hope you all busy are soliciting pledges for the goal is, not just to heighten our awareness the need, but to MONEY! raise Please bring your Crop Walk with you to church Sunday morning. We will have a table during up fellowship time to piedges ore n from congregation.

The Lockin is really shaping up. I think we will have a lot of fun and get to know each other better. I hope you all have it marked on your calendar: October 15, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 24 - Haunted House - leave church at 6:30 p.m.

See ya,

Dan

Youth thanked for their help this summer

The Christian Education Committee wants to thank the young people who led 10-weeks of Sunday School this summer.

It was an experiment and a learning experience for the leaders as well as the children who attended.

Thanks to Mike and Kelly

Walsh, Jessica Hatten, and Jim Davis.

Thanks also to Shannon Lutz for facilitating this class and working with the young adult leaders weekly to make the class more organized for the children.

> --Kris Ohneck Christian Ed, Chairperson

Appreciation given

A big thank you to the following who helped on Step into fall clean-up:

Laura Bowser, Jack & Sue Brickley, Laura Mcfarland, Orie McDougle, Dick Mey, and Fran Beckwith and Justin.

> --Larry Brey Property Chair

I wish to thank all of you for your prayers during my recent illness.

--Bob Mitchell

Mark your calendars!

***Don't forget Area I Youth, the CYF Area I meeting will be held at North Christian at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9.

of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12 here at the church.

Youth Lock-in Oct. 15 – 16 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. More info to follow...

Joys



Our sympathy is extended to Bob and Marge Mitchell in the death of Bob's brother last week.

Please keep in your prayers the following who have recently returned from hospital stays: Lawrence Seizer, Katny Miller's father, Jo Weyer and Ruth Yentes.

SERVING OCTOBER 10 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. B. Hendricks & K. Graham 10:45 a.m. D. Oden & S. Oden

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CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

BARBEE WORK DAY

9 a.m. CWF Breakfast

10 a.m. CYF Area I Meeting at N. Christian

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER.10

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

5:20 p.m. Youth Choir 6 p.m. Creative Arts

6 p.m. Chi Rho & CYF

6 p.m. A.B.I.L.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

10 a.m. M.O.M. 10:00 a.m. Rebecca Circle

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7 p.m. Hunger for Healing 7 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:45 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 p.m. CYF-Chi Rho Lock-In

SATURDAY. OCTOBER 16
9:00 a.m. Sherwood-Pettit Assoc. in F.H.
10:30 a.m. Drama Group

BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER 15-21

Dick Ashton(15), Edna Vaught(15), Herb Banet (17), Ruth Ogles (17), Charles Byrket(18), Frederick Warner(18). Tim Knuckles(19), Leotha Jones(21)

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F.C.C. Youth Lock-in this weekend

The long-awaited First Christian youth lock-in is about to happen!

The youth are to meet at

the church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15. The fun and activities will last until 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16.

afouth News!!!

Please bring:

*** Pop and munchies to share

*** A T-shirt to decorate for the CROP WALK

*** Money - \$6 should cover the cost of bowling

*** Any games you wish to play and/or share

*** And most of all -- A FUN ATTITUDE!!!

Mark your calendars!!!



Sunday, Oct. 17 - CROP Walk: Meet at Foellinger Center at Franke Park at 1:45 p.m. The walk will start at 2 p.m. After the walk, we will have pizza at the Southgate Pizza Hut.

Sunday, Oct. 24 - We will

go to the Haunted Castle. Meet at the church at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4 to cover admission.

November 12 - 14 - CYF
Assembly will be held in
Logansport, IN. The
registration deadline is Monday,
Nov. 1.

From Here to Zehr

Pastor Jerry makes true confession...

I have a confession to make! Yes, a true confession.

Before I became a minister and would come and sit in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, I did not believe the monies I gave to the church really made a difference.

Oh, I knew it was good for me to give, but I thought even if I didn't give one week or two or three that the church would be able to go on with its ministries.

Now that I am a minister being called to give oversight and direction to the life of the church, I have seen how generous or diminished giving effects the church.

Let me give you an example. In the past nine months of this year, we are down \$9,000 in pledges and \$5,000 in actual monies. Now considering we have a budget of \$180,000 for nine months — that is not terrible but if we do not make up this amount by December, we will be in a more serious financial position.

It was not that we had one or two people who did not give what they pledged but more of us who missed a couple of weeks or months in our giving. We have 174 giving units in our church and if only 90 units are under \$100 in their giving, the church is running \$9,000 in the red very quickly.

I realize there are always circumstances that limit some of us from giving what we would like and that is why the rest of us who can give and are behind in our giving can try to catch up.

I share this information with you because I really think a number of us do not think our \$50 to \$100 a month will be missed, and not impact the ministries of our church.

Yes, it is missed, so if you can give a little beyond your regular giving to help those who can't give at the time, it would be deeply appreciated.

Well I hope you weren't disappointed that my confession wasn't more dramatic but those confessions I'll keep for my "memoirs".

Peace, Jerry

"Invite a friend to church...
it's the best gift you can offer them."

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Make reservations by calling the church office at 744-3239 or we will send a warrant for your arrest — we know where you live!!!

ICWF to have 10th Quadrennial Assembly

Women, it's time to request vacation time off and mark your calendars for June 22 - 26, 1994.

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The theme is "Be the Vision". You don't have to be an active CWF member to participate. This assembly is meant for all women



of the church. Scholarship money is available through the Edna Vaught Fund to assist with expenses.

Call Teresa Hatten at 477-2649 or Sue Brey at 447-3540 if you would like to attend. Be prepared for an unforgettable experience!!!

We hope to see YOU this Sunday!!!

them.

Be generous and give to the poor

If you are a **Proverbs 28: 27** but we are depending member of a Sunday **Proverbs 28: 27** more on government School class, hopefully you are collecting food to bring to the food bank Sunday, Oct. 31. You are welcome to bring food any Sunday even if you don't attend Sunday School! I would like everyone to empty grocery sacks, either paper or plastic, also. We need

It hasn't been announced yet, but Lincoln Life has agreed again to match contributions to Churches food the Associated If you plan to bank fund. contribute money to the food bank in October, November, or December, please try to do it next month, so that we can double our buying power or possibly triple it as we did last vear.

Last Friday, which have been a quiet day, we provided food to ten families, most of them having just lost jobs. We haven't been in danger of running out of food recently,

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supplied food, which often stops without warning. We need to keep a good supply of privately donated food on hand, so keep those cans and boxes coming.

> Yours in Christ, Wes



Welcome to Bob and Marty as they joined congregation last transferred membership from St. Phillip James Episcopal St. and Church.

Congratulations to Krull and Heather Uhey, who were married on Saturday, Oct. 2. 1993 in Michael's St. Lutheran Church.

home from Jo Weyer is Lutheran Hospital.

Kenneth Place is in Charter

Also, please remember Earl and Ruth Plummer at home.

Church Women United World Community Day to be celebrated on Nov. 5 at Simpson U.M.C.

Church Women United will celebrate World Community Day beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, at Simpson United

Methodist Church, 2501 S. Harrison, Fort Wayne.

A bible study will begin at 11 a.m. and a luncheon will be served at 12 noon.

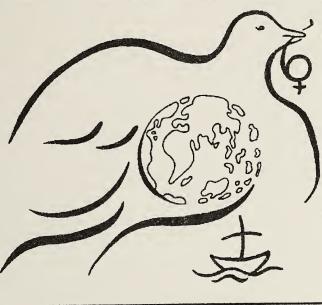
The program,
"Healing the Church The Ecumenical Decade:
Churches In Solidarity
With Women (1988-1998)"

(1988-1998)" will begin at the close of the luncheon at 1 p.m. and should be over between 2 and 2:30 p.m.

Cost of lunch is \$5 and baby-sitting is available.

This celebration is an opportunity for

those already involved to be renewed and supported in the work of the Decade and to gain



understanding and commitment from those for whom this Decade iust is into coming This is awareness. not to be a Decade for of women women; it is not to a Decade for churches work to

for women; it is to be the Decade for men and women in churches to work together to bring changes in

ecclesiastical and social structures that are obstacles to women's full development and participation.

Come and see what has already been accomplished and what we do can to further the goals of the Decade. Please call

Teresa Hatten at 447-2649 or the church office at 744-3239 for reservations by

Friday, Oct. 29.

Please indicate if baby-sitting is needed and make checks payable to Church Women United.

You are invited to join with others in the "City of Churches" to celebrate the 200th Birthday of the Fort Wayne and Allen County Community.



BICENTENNIAL WORSHIP SERVICE
(Interfaith Worship Service)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 1993

3:00 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

1122 SOUTH CALHOUN STREET

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

GUEST SPEAKER - DR. GEORGE MATHER

Dr. George Mather comes to us from Third Presbyterian Church, and is the author of the recently published book, "Frontier Faith - The Story of the Pioneer Congregations of Fort Wayne, Indiana (1820-1860)."

Plan to be a part of this historically memorable service - come early to enjoy the pre service music provided by various choirs.

Let's gather together to celebrate our Religious Heritage over the past 200 years!



Sewing Kits = Economic Justice for Women

You are invited to help women of the world achieve economic justice by participating in the 1993-94 International CWF Project, which is donating sewing kits to Church World Service.

Kits will go to villages and inner city vocational centers. They have recently been sent to Liberia, Sudan, Tanzania, the Solomon Islands and Angola.

Kits promote economic justice as women learn sewing and tailoring with part of the material. With the remaining material they make a garment to be sold. They can then purchase additional material. Thus, skills are learned and new jobs and income are produced as a result of the sewing kit.

A sewing kit consists of:

* 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend fabric

* 1 pkg. hand sewing needles

* 1 spool matching thread

* 6 matching buttons

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please bring them to church. There will be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. If you would rather give a monetary donation to allow someone else to purchase the items or to assist with shipping and processing, which is .25 cents per pound, please send it to the church office or clearly mark it as such and put it in the offering plate. The children

of the church will be helping to assemble the kits for shipment.

There were 20 kits pledged at last Saturday's CWF Breakfast. The goal for F.C.C. is a total of 50 kits. ICWF is working toward a common goal for 1993-94. We will celebrate our project's completion at the 1994 Quadrennial Assembly next June.

CROP Walk benefits crisis care agency

The CROP Walk will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Foellinger Theatre. First Christian youth and others will participate in the activity.

The proceeds from this walk will assist the Church World Service Disaster Response Office. This office has responded to more than 100 emergencies such as Hurricane Andrew.

Food, blankets, tents, water purification tablets, and medicine are part of the material help provided. Skilled Disaster Response consultants help organize relief efforts.

Throughout each crisis and throughout longer recovery efforts, Church World Service honors your commitment to stand with those who are cruelly touched by the storms and tragedies of life.

SERVING OCTOBER 17 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. R. Church & K. Graham 10:45 a.m. J. Zimmerman & J. Walsh

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. M. Hutchinson, K. Blocher, J. Young, N. Knappenberger

10:45 a.m. B. Kelly, J. Mey, B. Smith, G. Shirley, T. Hatten, K. Walsh, B. Falbe, J. Bushey

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Team II -- M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER.17

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship 2:00 p.m. Crop Walk 5:20 p.m. Youth Choir 6:00 p.m. Creative Arts

6:00 p.m. A.B.I.L. MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 p.m. Jerry Zehr's PRC 7:00 p.m. Diane Zehr's PRC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 10:00 a.m. M.O.M. 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 p.m. Hunger for Healing 7:00 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:45 p.m. Carillon Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

BIRTHDAYS -- OCTOBER 22-28

Bill Love (22), Don Pomeroy (23), Tom Mathis (25), J. Fred Smell (26), Leigh Westerfield (27), Charles Murray (28)

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Consecration Sunday & Dinner Nov. 14

This year, Sunday, Nov. 14 is an important day in the life of our church for two reasons.

One, during both services, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., <u>Dr. William C. Nichlos will be our guest speaker.</u> Dr. Nichlos is the former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Two, we will invite people to come forward and consecrate their pledges to the church for 1994. This year our focus is on each person examining their giving to the church and how they can "Take the Next Step" in their giving to God's ministry.

No one will be calling on

people asking them for a pledge to our budget. Instead, we are emphasizing the importance of each person looking at their own blessings God has provided for them and how much they will give back to do God's ministry.

We will then put a budget together in relationship to the gifts that we've consecrated.

This is a very important event in the life of our church. It will be with our gifts that we will determine our ministry for 1994.

Please use the next two weeks to reflect on what <u>your</u> "next step" in giving will be for 1994.

Harvest Dinner to be done differently

We are doing things differently this year at the Harvest Dinner.

Because of the great turn-out last year for the delicious turkey dinner, this year we will have everyone served at their table.

There will not be any standing in line or waiting!

Also, there will be a magic show for children after the meal.

From Here to Zehr

I have three rules to live by I thought you might find helpful:

1. "The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

2. "The Silver Rule: At least do for yourself what you would do for others."

3. "The Iron Rule: Don't do for others what they can do for themselves.

For many of us the first rule is easier to live by than the other two. We are taught as Christians to love and care for others and we all want to do those things.

Unfortunately, we sometimes overfunction for others and our loving becomes smothering and we never give the other person an opportunity to care for themselves.

It is hard to see someone you love falter or even fail, but maybe in their struggling they can find their own way.

Can we walk beside them but not for them?

Sometimes it is easier to focus on someone else's problems than to take care of things at home.

I hope as you care for others through the week, you will also take some time to nurture your own inner life.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Peace, Jerry

Church to start basketball team

Our church is going to join with Faith Lutheran in having a basketball team in a church league this fall.

The games will be on Sunday afternoons beginning on Sunday, Nov. 14.

Our first practice will be this Sunday at 4 p.m. at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, which is south on Calhoun a couple of blocks from the church.

The rental of

the gym will be \$1 per person. Anyone high school age and older is invited to play.

If you have any questions, please give the Rev. Jerry Zehr a call at the church at 744-3239.

If you're not comfortable in God's house once a week you'll be miserable spending an eternity in Heaven.

Go to Jail -- Do Not Pass Go!

Our D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) group will be taking a trip to an old time jail in Warsaw, IN for our November gathering.

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Youth group changes name:

CYF & Chi-Rho become "Mighty Youth Disciples"

The lock-in was a GREAT success.

As you can see, the group came up with a new name for themselves.

We will now (the CYF and Chi-Rho) be known as the Mighty Youth Disciples.

I hope everyone had a spooky good time at the haunted train station! I thought it was great, once we got in. I'm not sure what caused the delay, but I apologize for any inconvenience.

There will not be a meeting next Sunday, Oct. 31.

Then on Sunday, Nov. 7, we have been invited to North Christian Church to have a joint meeting with their youth group. We will meet directly at their church at 6 p.m.

North Christian is located at

the intersection of Coldwater and Essex Lane (Two lights north of Coliseum on the right just before Wal-Mart).

The meeting will last until 7:30 p.m, at which time you can be picked-up. If anyone needs a ride, please let me or one of the sponsors know.

For all CYFer's, please remember the deadline for the CYF assembly Nov. 12-14 is this Sunday, Oct. 31. You should have received some information in the mail.

Please note the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, it has some information about upcoming summer programs.

Have a great Halloween. We'll see you at North Christian on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.

Children to learn about Food Bank

All Sunday School classes have been collecting food items each week of the month of October for the First Christian Food Bank.

This Sunday, Oct. 31, our children from grades 1 - 5 will visit the Food Bank and deliver the food we have collected.

Wes Westerfield, our food bank coordinator, will be there to help them stock the shelves

Becca Widmer to perform for benefit concert Sunday, Nov. 14

Becca Widmer will give a benefit concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 14 at First Christian Church.

This concert will benefit the Community Harvest Food Bank. Those who attend are asked to bring canned goods to donate.

Widmer will be playing her guitar and performing a lot of her original songs, as well as songs by other contemporary arrangers, such as Amy Grant, Michael Card, and Andrew Lloyd Weber.

Ginny Johnson will accompany a few selections on piano.

and see how people find assistance here on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, when the food bank is open.

Parents make sure your elementary age children are here for this important lesson in stewardship and christian living.

Thank you to all who have brought in food.

Joys

Concern's

Caitlyn Jackson is home from Lutheran Hospital.

Bob Smith is also home from Lutheran Hospital.

Meanwhile, Ardith Wrisk is now a resident at Riverbend Health Care Center.

Pauline Snyder is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Jack Phillips is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

John Kratzat's father, Harold Kratzat, is a patient at St. Joe.

Please remember these persons in your daily prayers and/or drop them a card to encourage them. You can make a difference.

CWU World Community Day Nov. 5

Church Women
United will celebrate
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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, OCTOBER.31

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

BIRTHDAYS -- NOVEMBER 5-11

Martha Christy (5), John Phillips (5), Curt Miller (5), Tony York (5), Cindy Moriarty (7), James Evans (7), Nick Knappenberger (8), Marilyn McDougle (11), Beth Falb (11)

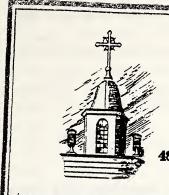
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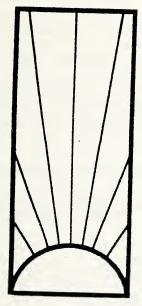
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Conference

On Saturday, Sept. 11, a significant event in determining future directions for the south side of Fort Wayne took place at South Side High School. One hundred fifty area leaders participated in forums and vision workshops focusing on vital issues in strengthening and improving life for all residents of the south side.

Whether or not you were able to attend the futuring conference, you won't want to miss the next round of open forums on the specific issues discussed by those who did attend! A time for further discussion and planning regarding each of the below four key issues identified at the Futuring Conference has been scheduled as follows:

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From Here to Zehr

This last week the Rev. Jorden, a prominent minister in Fort Wayne, son was shot by a stray bullet at the Old Fort YMCA.

What a terrible tragedy to see a young man's life possibly taken from him by a senseless shooting.

Many of us last week were shocked, confused and in disbelief that something like this could happen.

The reality of this shooting happens everyday across this country.

Why?

There are many reasons for the random shootings. A deeper question that moves us to the first question is to ask why is the United States such a violent nation. Compared to developing countries, the U.S. is the most abundant in resources, has the highest average per income per household, yet we have such violence.

It used to be hunters would teach their children about the respect for the firearm and would keep the bullets out of the reach of children. Now, everyone has a gun and many do not understand the ramifications of guns in our society.

We have to take a driver's test to get a driver's license. Why not require people at least to have a gun test and background check before they can buy a gun?

Washington. D.C. strongest gun control laws, yet the highest homicide rate. cannot believe that people need AKA's to hunt with. The N.R.A. resisted lobbied and legislators in congress address the reality of having too many guns in hands of people do not understand sacredness of life.

I don't pretend to have all the answers, but we must start to do something in a pro-active way or our youth will all be dead.

Here are some of the ways we might perpetuate the problem -- What type of toys do you buy your children? What type of movies do you let your youth watch on T.V.? How do we perpetuate violence in our lives?

I know this isn't an entertaining article this week, but the shooting last week really got to me -- I hope it did you.

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West Creighton to have Bazaar Saturday

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The bazaar will include beautiful Christmas items, candy, Carmel Corn, noodles, baked goods, beautiful quilts, Mincemeat, Apple Butter and

Additionally, dinners consisting of Beef and Noodles or

Ham Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, a vegetable, a salad bar, home made pies, and coffee or milk will be served from 4 to 6:30 p.m. for \$4.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

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Consecration Sunday to be celebrated

This Sunday at both the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. worship services the Chancel Choir under the direction of John Kratzat will perform a special anthem with guest musicians.

The Creative Arts, (the children's choir), and the the Carillon's, (handbell choir), will be performing.

You won't want to miss this Sunday because along with our special music, we will have Dr. C. William Nichols as our guest preacher.

Dr. Nichols is the former General Minister and President of the Christian Church. He has traveled the world meeting with political and religious leaders of our sister nations.

He will give a dynamic and uplifting message on the Christian faith.

Special Church School to be held at 9:30

Dr. Nichols will be our guest during the Sunday School hour for people to have a more informal time with him. We will have a question and answer time where he can share his experiences as G.M.P. and what he

believes is in store for our church and country as we move to the year 2000.

Harvest Dinner to be after second service

If you have not made your reservations for our Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner, you may

still call the church office at 744-3239 to make your reservations.

From Here to Zehr

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Let's lift up the good news in life



I was talking to someone last week about all the terrible news on T.V. and in the newspapers.

Yes, I've said there is three times as many good things

happening in the world, but it never gets reported.

She agreed with me (intelligent woman), so we pondered why we never hear good new stories on the 6 o'clock news.

I realize that the media believes that good news is considered soft news which does not draw the ratings. Yet, I for one would love some soft news!

I really believe there are many more good things people do for one another than all the crime put together.

Maybe if we start to celebrate the good things happening in life, we will have a counter affect on the destructive things happening in our society.

Will you join with me in this thanksgiving time by lifting up the good things that happen to you during this week. Tell others of the things you are thankful for about being alive.

All of this will really have to begin with each of us doing our part to see and tell of the goodness of the life we have.

Peace, Jerry

P.S. Sunday looks to be a great day in the life of the church. The choirs, bells, musicians, and children will all partake in the worship. It should be very uplifting.

Joys



Martha Hunt is home from Lutheran Hospital.

<u>Freda Flaugh</u> is at The Arbors, 2827 Northgate Blvd.

Osie Guild, Bev Hendrick's mother, is in ICU at Parkview.

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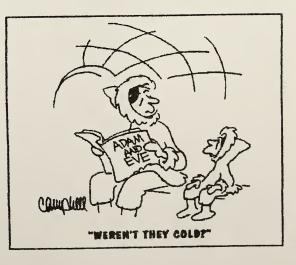
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Southside Futuring Conference reminder

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Also, this coming weekend is the Harvest Dinner, during which the youth will assist in serving. Immediately after communion, the youth will be allowed to leave the service and report to the kitchen with the youth sponsors.

After dinner, the "Mighty Disciple Youth" will caravan with the sponsors to serve home bound meals. Since this will be such a busy day, we have cancelled the evening meeting for Sunday, Nov. 14. However, mark your calendar for Sunday, Nov. 21, as we will be meeting at FCC at 5:45 p.m. to take our next step of faith.

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We will be attending the interfaith worship that evening, preceded by an orientation with the Rabbi Safran. This was one of our goals, to worship with

those of another faith. Please plan on attending. I know it will be a positive experience.

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With apologies to Shakespeare

To pledge or not to pledge That is the question. Whether it is nobler in a man to take the gospel free, And let another foot the bill, Or sign a pledge, and help to Pay the church expenses. To give -- to pay, aye there's The Rub -- to Pay. When on a free pew plan A man may have the sitting free And take the gospel too. As though he paid. And none the wiser be. Save the finance committee, who Most horrible men, can Keep it secret. To err is human; human too To buy at cheapest rate. I'm wise; I'll wait, Not work; I'll pray, not pay, and Let the other foot the bill. And so with me The gospel's free you see!

--Copied

THANKS TO...)

Jerry, Diane, and F.C.C .:

I want to thank you and my friends at the Church for your prayers, cards and visits during my illness.

Thanks again, Grant Woodward

P.S. I'm doing fine - better everyday. I miss you guys - love ya.



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 p.m. Media Image for South Side Forum at First Christian Church

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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Andrew Moll (20), Ressie Ehresman (20), Laura York (21), Nellie Buchanan (24), Charles Green (25), Joan Ott (25), Marlene Crouse (25)

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Sunday evening schedule changed



Combined interfaith service to be Sunday

In effort to build bridges between people of different Faiths, a combined service has been planned this Sunday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Achduth Vesholom Synagogue, 5200 Old Mill Road.

In an effort to have as many persons attend as possible, the Sunday evening schedule has been moved up a little earlier. Here are the times for the meetings:

***<u>ABIL</u> will meet from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

***Creative Arts will meet from 4 to 5 p.m.

***And, the Youth will meet at the church at 5:45 p.m., so they can go to the Temple by 6 p.m.

The joint service will bring persons from eight Protestant and Catholic congregations, the Unitarian Universalist Church, and a Jewish congregation from Fort Wayne's southside together in a unified service.

"This is an excellent opportunity to worship with our brothers and sisters from other congregations on the southside of Fort Wayne," the Rev. Jerry Zehr explained. "I hope several from our congregation will make an effort to come support this unification of many faith traditions in our city."

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What a wonderful day we had last Sunday!

The bells were ringing, the children were singing, and the turkey was cooking.

The message Dr. Nichols gave was one of the most powerful messages I have heard. (If you want a copy of the tape, call the church office at 744-3239.)

If you were not here Sunday, I hope you will still fill out an estimate of giving card, so we can put our budget together for 1994. If you have not received a card in the mail, please call the church office and we will send you one.

Thanks so much to Sam Hayes and the Stewardship Committee, Karen Bushey and the Fellowship Committee, John Kratzat, Jane Walsh, Phyllis Lahr, and the choirs. The whole service was powerful.

The concert Sunday evening was beautiful. Thanks to Barb Hayes for organizing the concert, Phyllis Lahr for accompany and especially to Becca Widmer for singing. Proceeds went to the Food Bank.

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P.S. The sermon for Sunday will be Holiday Fretting: Reserved for Turkeys only.

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1993 CROP Walk a great success

The Associated Churches 1993 CROP Walk was a great success.

Almost 300 walkers gathered pledges totalling almost \$12,000. Three thousand will be used by the 26 food banks that are operated in Allen County to purchase food and supplies. The remaining \$9,000 will be used to fund hunger projects in the United States and around the world.

I would like to thank the youth group and their sponsors for all the hard work they put in to make this event a success.

I would also like to thank the "almost" young people who helped with registration and the rest areas. They were the Krull's, Beckwiths', Vanderwall's and Bill Franklin.

I would also like to thank Teresa for all the things she does that I forget to do. We had great weather and a great time.

I love this event because it rejuvenates me for the holidays and gives me hope for our nation. I see hundreds of young people and many churches all working together to make the lives of those Jesus called the least of these a little better.

The food bank ministry that we have here at First Christian is a piece of a ministry that brings joy and hope to a group of people throughout Allen County that may not find much to be joyful about.

Lincoln National Life has generously offered to match dollar for dollar up to \$20,000 of any money we collect.

If you have been considering making a donation to the Food Bank, now would be a great time since you could see your money doubled.

It takes a lot of prayers and people to make something like this happen.

On behalf of Wes Westerfield and the rest of the Associated Churches Food Bank Steering Committee, I would like to say, "Thank you and God bless you."

-- Charlie Hatten

Joys

Sucern's

John Glasgow is home from the hospital recovering from back surgery.

Osie Guild, Bev Hendrick's mother, is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

Jo Weyer is home and is doing much better.

Margaret Snouffer will be having cataract surgery on Monday, Nov. 22.

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Advent Adventures for Children

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deepen can significant times of learning and understanding of what Christmas fellowship where your children is really all about!

Advent Adventure Sunday -- November 28

Our classes K-1, 2-3, & 4-5 will combine Sunday, Nov. 28 to experience the story of Christmas.

They will make crafts, trim our UPPER ROOM tree celebrate the beginning of the Adventures of Advent.

Bring in Baby food each Sunday in December

In honor of Baby Jesus' birth, children are asked to bring in Baby food each Sunday during December for the Food Bank. Pick up a few jars while

you're doing your grocery shopping, so we can honor Baby Jesus by feeding those for whom he cared. We'll collect it during opening time in the UPPER ROOM.

Sunday School & Creative Arts each Sunday

During these regularly scheduled times (Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Creative Arts from 6 to 7 p.m. each Sunday), your child through stories, crafts, and

music has had the wonderful opportunity to experience God and the love of a Christian community as he/she grows. Make sure you give them this gift of faith development.

Christmas Eve Service for family on Dec. 24

A service will be held that will include communion, candles, and carols, especially geared toward the understanding of

children.

This will be a service for the whole family to attend together and enjoy.

Remember out of all the presents you receive on Christmas, "the greatest of these is LOVE"

"Mighty Disciples" to attend Interfaith service

The "Free Your Mind" CYF Assembly at Logansport was a great time. It was very eye opening as well as mind freeing. There will be more to hear about it in the near future.

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Hope to see you all!

D.M.A. to have December potluck

"Food, folks, and fun" not only is the slogan McDonald's recently used in their commercials, but it describes the next D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) carry-in potluck.

This fun event will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and picture of themselves as a youngster.

Change of Address

We received a new address for:

Dustin McEvoy Escuela Caribe Jarrabocoa, Dominican Republic West Indies

Tidings will not be published next week due to the holiday.

Please be prepared to share a favorite personal Christmas story that has happened in your past.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of *Tidings*.



I'd like to give a special thank you to Jerry and Diane and the members of First Christian Church for all their kindness during my recent hospital stay and in the death of Kenneth.

--Martha Hunt

Thank you to the church family and the youth for our Thanksgiving Dinner last Sunday.

--John & Jo Weyer

Two Christmas trees to benefit needy

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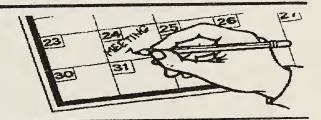
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Mark your calendarIII



*** AREA I BOARD will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29 at First Christian Church.

*** ELDERS will meet at 7:30

p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29.

*** CAPITAL TASK FORCE COMMITTEE will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at church.

NOT *** COMMITTEES will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 23 due to holiday: Thanksgiving the COMMITTEE CHAIRS will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30 for a budget meeting.

***The OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, for the Nov. 25 & 26 Thanksgiving holiday.

*** C.E. TEACHERS may pick up their seasonal decorations on Sunday, Nov. 28 at the stage area in the Fellowship Hall.

*** GROCERY BAGS will available in the Narhex through Sunday, Nov. 21 for persons to fill with food to feed the hungry.

*** BANKS AND REALTORS: is the name of the topic to be discussed Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 S. Calhoun, as part of the South Side Futuring Conference. The focus here is to work in conjunction with leaders of the financial community to build up the value of property and business on the south side.

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8:30 a.m. Breakfast served before the
"Step Into Holiday Crafts" begins
9:00 a.m. "Step Into Holiday Crafts" sponsored

by CWF

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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10:45 a.m. Second Worship

4:00 p.m. Creative Arts

4:00 p.m. A.B.I.L.

5:45 p.m. Meeting at FCC to attend the Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service

7:00 p.m. Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service at the Temple

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00 p.m. Committee Chairs

7:30 p.m. Committees (Worship Committee will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Hunger for Healing 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10:30 a.m. Drama Group

BIRTHDAYS -- NOV. 26-DEC.2

Mary Sue Ludwig (28), Ken Perkins (28), Barbara Bond (29), Lauren Ewing (30), Bethel Breeden (1),

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"A Heart Full of Carols" during Advent

"A Heart Full of Carols" is our theme for Advent as we begin the Christian year.

Last Sunday, the Rev. Diane Zehr preached a sermon entitled, "A Carol for the Spiritless," and we lit the first Advent candle - "the Angel Candle."

Following are the themes for the upcoming Sundays, as we prepare for Christmas.



On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Second Sunday of Advent, the sermon will be entitled, "A Carol for the Seekers." We will light the "Shepherd's

Candle."

The Children's Choir will be singing and the Chancel Choir will be singing, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent."



Then on Sunday, Dec. 12, the Third Sunday of Advent, the sermon will be entitled, "A Carol for the Speechless. We will light the "Wise Mens' Candle."

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- Carole Davis in memory of Dwight Davis
- Chuck, Lauren, Charlotte and Claire Ewing - in memory of Neva Cook Ewing, mother and grandmother
- Bill Franklin in honor of God's Grace to our family
- Mary Wilhelm in memory of Pete & Jolene
- Alice Nulf in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.S. White
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- Kristin Byers in honor of Lt. Brett Carmichael
 - ♦ John & Kris Ohneck in memory of Dan Perrey
 - ◆ Eric & Marilyn Rieke in honor of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Rieke and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klepfer
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Prelude is time to prepare

By John Kratzat

What is a Prelude?

The obvious answer is that the Prelude is the music that is played just prior to the beginning of Worship. If this is correct, then what is the appropriate response to the Prelude?

It seems that we view the Prelude as a challenge to our conversations, an obstacle to be overcome with even louder talk.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am personally guilty of talking, as are many members of the choir. A vibrant, friendly Church is part of who we are, and we don't want that to change.

But let me suggest that the Worship experience begins with the Prelude. The music is lifted up to the glory of God. It helps to put us in a spiritual mood and



Thank you "First Christian."

We enjoyed the dinners very much. It was so thoughtful of you.

Special thanks to Evelyn Yeoman, Teresa Hatten, and Jessica Anderson.

Lila Russell & Brother Donald Mock provides a few minutes to reflect on our blessings.

When we listen, it will become clear that one of our blessings is Phyllis Lahr. Each week she carefully selects the music and each week she spends hours preparing the piece.

As a Church body, I encourage all of us to be sensitive to the beauty of music presented to us through the Prelude. You have my pledge that the Choir will lead the way in respecting the Prelude!

> Joys Oncers

Welcome to <u>Phyllis Lahr</u> who transferred her membership to First Christian on November 21, 1993! Welcome Phyllis!

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Evelyn Kanczuzewski** who died last week.

Naomi Prechtl, daughter of Brian and Margaret Prechtl, was dedicated last Sunday during worship service.

Please welcome lasts weeks' visitors: Ron and Karen Wise, Richard & Lydea Clark, Ron Lester and Phyllis Beverly.

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This year we intend to follow the Star instead of the crowd.

But, of course, we always do intend the best.

(And sometimes best intentions tend to get the best of us!)

This year, when we find ourselves off the path again
(and we invariably will!),

let's not add yet another stress to our Advent days, that of "trying to do Christmas correctly"!

Instead, let's approach the birth of the Lord with joyful abandon!

And this year

let's do what Mary did and rejoice in God,

let's do what Joseph did and listen to our dreams,

let's do what the Wise Men did and go to worship,

let's do what the shepherds did and praise and glorify God for all we've seen and heard!

As for the Advent frantic pace, we don't have time for that.

Reflections on a day at the Foodbank

By Dan Allison

It was almost 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 22. I could not help notice a line in the parking lot already formed at the back door to the church.

Being the good student I am and wanting to learn more about how the Foodbank operates to feed "these least of my brothers and sisters", I asked Wes Westerfield if I could "observe" a bit of what happens at our Foodbank.

It's now 11:30 a.m., I have finally set down for my morning coffee and I wipe the sweat from my brow. I was overwhelmed by all the goings on. Needless to say, it was a hands-on observation (or as Fran Beckwith said, "a baptism by fire!" I helped carry in food. Wes had a van full he had purchased at the Associated Churches Food Bank, and we also had over 25 sacks of items donated by Christ United Methodist and the Unitarian Church.

It seemed like so much food. I wondered where it would all fit or how we could get it put away...we could barely walk around in the Foodbank.

I was soon educated!

Fran had been listing names and doing paperwork while the food was coming in and was now asking Wes and Dick Vanderwall to "fill the orders."

It seemed as though I was constantly in the way, as I tried to unpack and put food on the shelves, for literally, as fast as the food came in — it went out. Most of the food brought in never hit the shelves — it was just re-routed.

I pray to you as John replied in Luke 3:11 to the multitudes when asked "what then shall we do?" He answered, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise."

If you get tired of hearing the Foodbank ask for donations or you just cannot imagine such need exists, I urge you to come observe our own foodbank some day. But I warn you...wear your work clothes!

D.M.A. to have potluck

D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age) will have a carry-in potluck at 12 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and a picture of themselves as a youngster.

Please be prepared to share a favorite personal Christmas story that has happened in your past.

Happy Birthday!!!

Neva Mennewisch (5), Ethel Richhart (6), Mildred Arruza (6), Phillip Bozarth (6), Sue Kerley (7), Brenda Proegler (7), Shelley Sendelbach (8), Clifton Bowman (9), Bill Franklin (10), Rolland Ripple (11), Sara Davis (12), Dan Mory (13).

From Here to Zehr

WOW! Advent is here!

Following is a poem by Ann Weems that really inspired me as I was preparing for Advent this year.

We hope to see you this Sunday. Bring a

friend. It's the best possible gift you could offer them.

Peace,

This Year will be Different

Who among us does not have dreams that this year will be different?

who among us does not intend to go peacefully, carefully toward Bethlehem, for who among us likes to cope with the commercialism of Christmas which lures us to tinsel not only the tree but also our hearts?

Who among us intends to get caught up in tearing around and wearing down?

Who among us does not long for:

gifts that give love? shopping in serenity?

cards and presents sent off early?

long evenings by the fireside with those we love?

(the trimming devoid of any arguing about who's going to hang what where.

the aroma of cinnamon and nutmeg mingling with the pine scent of tree.

and carols gently playing over our idyllic scene) and the children! the cheerfully talking about

giving instead of getting?

Who among us does not year for time for our hearts to ponder the Word of God? moments of kneeling and bursts of song? the peace of quiet calm for our spirit's journey?



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6 p.m. Mighty Youth Disciples

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

12 noon - DMA Potluck

7 p.m. Networking/Communication Forum at First Christian Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7 p.m. Hunger for Healing

7 p.m. L.E.A.D.

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Who was speechless in the Christmas story?

ave you ever found yourself with a loss of words? The feelings and emotions you were having were so overwhelming and intense that words could not be formed to express yourself.

Do you know who in the Christmas story found himself speechless?

Come this Sunday, Dec. 12, the Third Sunday of Advent, when the sermon will be entitled, "A Carol for the Speechless" and hear the story of the carol for the speechless.

The Handbell Choir will join the Chancel for a beautiful Christmas Anthem, "Christmas Comes Anew." We

also will light the "Wise Mens' Candle,"

Following that evening, the congregation is invited to join the youth in caroling to some of the homebound members at 6 p.m.

Come and join in the singing and fellowship.

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From Here to Zehr-

"I hate Christmas!"

"It is always so frantic!"

"It always is too busy!"

I always hear these words during Advent.

Let me tell you what I hate (my mother told me to never hate anything, so, O.K., dislike or perturnbed may be better words) people who don't let themselves enjoy Christmas.

If you're to busy to enjoy this time of the year, let go of something — just say, "NO!"

Don't try to make all the Christmas parties or bake all the goodies. If it makes you crazy, don't do it! If you hate putting

up decorations and you complain all the time you're putting them up — Don't do it!

I don't know about you, but what really exhausts me is to have people complaining about being so busy that they can't enjoy a time that is supposed to be joyous.

Let's do something radical. Let's make a New Year's resolution a month early and resolve to enjoy the new birth in our midst this Christmas.

Let's make the Christ child feel welcomed into the world for a change!!!

Peace, Jerry

Youth invite congregation to go caroling

The Mighty Disciple Youth would like to extend an invitation to the entire congregation to join us at 6 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 12 to go caroling.

We will visit with some of our homebound, and then return to the church for some hot chocolate.

All youth, MARK YOUR CALENDARS, Dec. 19th. We will meet at the church for our Christmas PARTY. If the weather cooperates, we will proceed to Franke Park for some sledding and skating. Otherwise, we will stay at the church

CHRISTMAS



and play some "real" games that you bring (as opposed to "youth group games!"). So, get your sleds out and your skates sharpened.

Since it is a Christmas party, we encourage gifts to be brought, but instead of exchanging them with each other, the youth council decided it would be more meaningful to bring something for the "Baby Tree".

—Dan Allison

I was hungry and you gave me food

When Dan wrote the article last week about his visit to the food bank, he was somewhat confused. We do not buy food the Associated Churches from warehouse- the food is free. We can get food from the Community Harvest Food Bank by paying a 12 cents per pound maintenance fee. While the Associated Churches warehouse does get grants from the city and private donors, it is not enough to support the 25 food banks in Allen County. It is the support of the area churches which makes the difference between an adequate supply of food and times when we may have to tell clients that there just isn't anymore food. This year we have been close to not having enough food several times.

Lincoln Life has offered a matching grant to the Associated Churches of \$20,000. The offer is open until the end of the year. Presently, Associated Churches has about \$13,000 in matching

Faith Fellowship Class to discuss TV Evangelism

Faith Fellowship Class will meet Sunday, Dec. 12 and discuss TV Evangelism. Then on Sunday, Dec. 19, we will have a breakfast. Anyone is invited to join us.

We are collecting money to purchase gifts for the adopted families. If you want to contribute, bring money Dec. 12.

money. Please if you can spare a few dollars, send a check to the church marked, "Foodbank" in the next few weeks. Some of the people whom we serve at the food bank may not be in dire need, but I'm sure that the majority are, and we workers dare not make a judgment. If you support us with food and money, we won't be forced to decide who gets help and who doesn't.

Your's in Christ, Wes Westerfield

P.S. Thanks for your help Dan. Please come back the week before Christmas. I'm sure we will need your help to serve two large numbers of clients.



We celebrate with **Connie Long** in her graduation from nursing school with a R.N. degree. Congratulations Connie on sticking to your goals.

Please remember the family of **Anita Fitch** who died this last Thursday. We thank God for Anita and her life. May God be with her family in this time.

Christmas offering to be collected Dec. 19

For the first three years of his life, Billy was severely neglected and sexually abused. His parents often confined him to a dog pen and turned their attention elsewhere.

At age four, Billy was sent to live with an aunt, where he was assaultive to the other children and exhibited animal-like behaviors under stress. His home for the next nine months was the state mental hospital.

Today, Billy is at the Colorado Christian Home, a National Benevolent Association unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

He has been diagnosed with a thought

disorder that causes him to see and hear things, and with post-traumatic stress syndrome from his earlier abuse. He is responding well to treatment and has formed attachments to staff.

The prognosis is hopeful that he'll return to a home environment in a year or two.

No child should have to experience what Billy has experienced. Our gifts to Basic Mission Finance through the Christmas Special Day Offering to be collected on Sunday, Dec. 19 here at First Christian support the work of NBA as it offers children such as Billy the chance for a different kind of life.

Youth/Family issues to be discussed Dec. 13

The next South Side Futuring Conference Forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13, at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, 6404 South Calhoun.

The topic will be <u>Youth/Family</u> <u>issues</u>. This forum will deal with improving life for families, children and youth and with exploring the use of mediation in working with juvenile offenders before resorting to the criminal justice system.

The goal of this forum is to spend two hours identifying specific problems, solutions to the problems, and leaders critical to addressing the problems. Another meeting for the entire south side community will be held Jan. 8, 1994 at South Side High School from 9 a.m. to noon. At that meeting, the members and goals of the task forces will be finalized.

A.B.I.L. moves meeting

The last A.B.I.L. meeting for December will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19.

We will NOT meet on Sunday, Dec. 12, so you are free to lend a voice to the caroling party or to do your Christmas preparations. See you Dec. 19, when we will study Joshua through Samuel.

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Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren

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First Christian Church

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Christmas offering to be collected Sunday

his Sunday, Dec. 19, we will celebrate Christmas in the life of our church.

The Christmas Special Day offering will be collected. The monies collected will benefit the Basic Mission

Finance.

We also will have special music by the children and Chancel choirs and the Rev. Jerry Zehr will Be giving a Christmas message entitled, "A Carol for the Simple Hearted."

Christmas Eve services to be held

First Christian will host two Christmas Eve services on Dec. 24.

At 7 p.m. we will have a Family service in which we will give a special focus to all the children who may come. The drama vignette, "The Reluctant

Angel" will be presented at both services.



At our 11 p.m., we will have a guest harpist giving us special music with the Chancel Choir singing two

special anthems. We will close the service with candles and communion.

Reminder:

If you ordered a poinsettia and have not sent in your check to pay for it (or however many you ordered) please do so by the end of the month. Thank you!

The following persons also purchased Poinsettias:

- Grace Truby in memory of her husband, Paul Truby and her sister, Mabel Watson.
- William & Margaret Love in honor of their friends at FCC.

From Here to Zehr

Do you know someone who doesn't go to church?

Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve services are two of the best times to invite someone to worship who isn't going anywhere.

The number one reason why people say they went to church was because **someone invited them**. There are many people who do not know the warmth, support and encouragement of a faith community. What better gift to give someone, than the gift of hospitality—"Inviting a seeker into the Inn."

Sometimes, all someone needs is an

invitation!

Is there someone you know that you might invite?

Part of our Christian call is to share the Good News! Christmas services with all of the special music, and drama are a perfect entry to say, "Why don't you join me this Christmas!"

I hope you're planning on being in worship this Christmas Sunday. It is good for the family to come together to worship the birth of our Savior!

Peace. Jerry

Mighty Disciple Youth thank brave carolers

The Mighty Disciple Youth would like to thank the Rev. Jerry Zehr and all those adults who were brave enough to join us in caroling. It was a fun time, not only for us, but I am sure we helped spread the "Good News" to those we sang with.

This Sunday, Dec. 19, we will meet at church for our 1993 CHRISTMAS PARTY. Hopefully, we will get some snow, so we can go sledding; however, still will PARTY, even if

the weather does not cooperate! In event of this, please bring your favorite games to share (remember...games we can play in church!)

Since this is a Christmas party, we ask that you do bring gifts, not for one another, but for the new "baby closet" that is operating out of our church.

Please bring anything a baby might need or use. Another gift suggestion may be some toys your family no longer uses, or buying new toys that we could give to the Matthew 25 Clinic to use in their mission.

—Dan Allison



Dan Allison bids farewell to congregation

As some of you heard Sunday, I have resigned my position at First Christian Church, effective Sunday, Dec. 19, 1993.

This was not an easy decision or one taken lightly. It was only with much prayer, reflection, and consultation that I reached this decision. Many would view this with sadness — a dropping out or giving up...but I assure you, it is an exciting period of growth and discovery for me.

I can tell you I am lacking that internal transformation/calling that is required for ordination. I was/am "interested" in the ministry, and very much affirmed by family, friends, and church; however, it was as if I was living another's story, not my own. It has strengthened my belief in the priesthood of all believers - that all church - EACH OF US, regardless of occupational choice, are engaged in ministry. And that this ministry is just as valid as any ordained position!

I am so thankful to all of you! I feel like one of the luckiest people in the world. I have been able to call a "time-out" in my life, step out of my vocation and go exploring. It was (and continues to be) very scary, but the great news is: I FOUND IT! I answered "THE" question for me: what life is all about. I think that is different for each of us and changes throughout our lives, with many people never finding out, or even afraid to pursue

it! The greatest part is I feel so at one with, close to, and engulfed by the ever presence of God.

So...I hope you share with me in joy, not sorrow, as I celebrate this wonderful season we call advent and life! I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your nurturing, caring, gifts, encouragement, and friendship as I sought to discern this calling.

I assure you, it had nothing to do with any of my relationships at FCC. The entire staff is wonderful and a pleasure to work with. You have a blessing of youth you should be very proud of and I pray you continue to support! You have all touched my life and will forever be remembered fondly!

May God Bless you, each and everyone Merry Christmas!

-Dan Allison

Joys Oncers

Congratulations to Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman who have a new grandson, Tyler Jon, born Monday, Dec. 13. He was 8 lbs and 5 oz.

Remember <u>Raymond Sarrazin</u> who is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

SERVING DECEMBER 19 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ludwig & B. Hendricks 10:45 a.m. D. Kreischer & C. Hatten

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. N. Knappenberger, J. Young,
B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay
10:45 a.m. D. Heimann, M. Rieke, E.
Rieke, L. McFarland, M. Miller,
K. Bushey, T. Hatten, M. McFarland
USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, A. Cook. C. Byrket 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, E. Vandergriff, C. Suder, H. Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Franklin - J. Mounsey
C. Ewing - B. Glasgow
D. Oden - M. Hutchinson
R. Church - N. Knappenberger

COMMUNION PREPARATION

McFarland's, E. Vandergriff, J. Smelser ACOLYTES

Noah Duncan & Jennifer Medlin EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Jean Sheets

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - J. Smelser & K. Taylor
Team II - M. Hartman & M. Hutchinson
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Estel & Lori Vandergriff

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 a.m. Julia Arnold 10:45 a.m. Deb Rinker

CHURCH CALENDAR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 a.m. First Worship
9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting
9:30 a.m. Church School
10:45 a.m. Second Worship
6 p.m. Mighty Disciple Youth Party

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 7:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:45 p.m. Carillon 7 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Serv.

Happy Birthday - Dec. 21-29

Mickieann Suder(22), Elaine Parrot(22), Bill Crouse(24), Elizabeth Dull(26), Carolyn Falbe(26), Marsha Busse(27), Dennis Steckley(27), Sarah Smith(28), Paul Fisher(28), John Mathis(28), Lucille Branstrator(29), Marie Miller(29)

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Special music, carols to be featured Sunday

Since this Sunday is the day after Christmas, our worship services will be a little different, as both services will be informal.

We will sing carols, and Ginny Johnson will sing a couple of special Christmas selections with a guest flutist. The Rev. Zehr will intertwine a couple of Christmas readings, and maybe Jerry and

Ginny will even sing a duet.

Ginny also has a great Children's song about Christmas she will sing to all the children second service. Please bring your children, as you will want them to be there!

Services will be at the regular times of 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

"The Relunctant Angel" Christmas Eve Services 7 & 11 p.m.

Have you heard of the angel that refused to sing with the other angels for the birth of Christ?

Come Friday evening and meet

the "Relunctant Angel".

There will be communion and the lighting of candles at both services.

From Here to Zehr

Where has the year gone?

Where has the year gone!

In true David Letterman style, I'll give you the Top 6 things I haved learned in 1993.

- 6. Next time make sure my Baptismal boots don't have a leak.
- 5. Keep the choir happy. They can turn on the minister's jokes if you don't give them candy.
- 4. Buttefuco! He's not listed in the Rible
- 3. Make sure I pay Marge Thomas more money, so I get on the winning golf team at the annual golf outing.
- 2. I can no longer do the Batman dance.
- 1. I have the best staff in any church to work with.

It really has been a great year. Here are six things that stood out this year in the life of the church.

Sixth, our worship attendance has increased from 200 to 225. From 1991 to 1993 we had a lot of new members join the church.

Fifth, we became involved with a church and community program that helped develop the South Side Futuring Conference and expanded our outreach ministry.

Fourth, we had a wonderful Vacation Bible School with 150 children and adults in attendance.

Third, our youth group was a strong

and vital part of the church, participating in worship, evening programs and a work trip.

Second, we had many new small group experiences where people had a chance to deepen their faith.

First, we had a great group of elders, deacons, choir people who gave great leadership for the year. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

I hope this year has been as good for you as it has been for Diane and I. Thanks to all who shared in the ministry of our Lord this past year.

Peace, Jerry

Joys oncein

Walter Bowen will have eye surgery next week.

Ruth Plummer will have back surgery on January 3, 1994.

If you know of someone's need or praise, please call the church office at 744-3239.



Zehrs to go on vacation

The Rev. Diane and Jerry Zehr will be on vacation Monday, Dec. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 2.

If you have an emergency, please call Bill Franklin, chairperson of the elders or the church office at 744-3239.

Chairpersons' meeting cancelled

There will be no committee chairpersons' meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 28. If the committees want to meet they may, but the Zehrs will be out of town.

Office to be closed; no Tidings next week

The office will be closed a half-day on Thursday, Dec. 30 and all day on Friday, Dec. 31.

Tidings will not be published next week due to the vacation of the Zehrs, so please take note of the serving schedule on Page 5.

1993 Financial Update

If there are those who want to catch-up and complete their pledge, or if someone still wants to help the church out financially for 1993 — there is still time and a need for your help.

Please do as God would ask you to do. Thank you!



Dear Rev. Zehr:

Thank you for helping make our First Annual Meeting a success!

Our results could not have been accomplished without your support. Many of our supporters were divided among several competing events that same night. Yet, our attendance was 120 individuals. We are very grateful for being a top priority on your schedule for that evening.

First Christian Church's contribution of \$200 is very much appreciated and continues our program efforts to aid the struggle of advocacy for those involved within the judicial system.

Sincerely,
Herbert Singleton
Executive Director
One Church — One Offender

South Side Futuring Conference update given

For those who are interested in the activities of the South Side Futuring Conference, on Jan. 8, 1994, there will be a meeting at Southside High School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

We have had four forums focusing on the four target areas that came out of the futuring conference in September.

These four forums were 1) Bank & Realtors, 2) Youth & Families, 3) Media

& Image, 4) Personal involvement and Community Building.

We will report back on the findings from these four forums and set specific measurable tasks for the next nine months that we will try to accomplish.

We hope a number of persons from our church will attend the meeting on Jan. 8 to be a part of the building up of our community.

Christmas card greetings to the congregation

The following persons have sent Christmas cards or greetings into the church office for the congregation to read. Stop by the office anytime.

- ♥ Bill & Ginny Johnson
- ♥ Jackie Keller
- ♥ William & Margaret Love
- ♥ Evelyn Yeoman
- ♥ Miriam Bixenman & Peggy Buskirk
 - ♥ Don & Valetta Parlette
 - ♥ The Kratzat Family
 - ♥ Bob & Bev Hendricks
 - ♥ Mary Wilhelm
- ♥ Dick, Mindy, David & Laura Hamm
- ♥ Roger, Anne, Andy, Dan, & Katie Moll
 - ♥ Andy Cook

- ♥ Glenn & Lola Miller
- ♥ Merle & Betty Grimm
- ♥ Mildred Linn
- ♥ Donald & Sarah Smith
- ♥ Reba Fusselman
- ♥ John & Brenda Kelly
- ♥ Mark & Julia Arnold
- ♥ Jack & Janet Weicker
- ♥ Linda & Richard Merrick
- ♥ Jack & Bobbie Lindsay
- ♥ Harold & Ruby Cline
- ♥ Earl & Ruth Plummer
- ♥ Ethel Richhart
- ♥ Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman
- ♥ Bill & Joan Franklin
- ♥ George, Sara, & Jim Davis
- ♥ Larry, Sue, Melissa & Sara

Brey

- ♥ Edna & Harold Nordblom
- ♥ John & Julia Perry I & Walter

SERVING JANUARY 2 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. C. Ewing & L. Ewing 10:45 a.m. C. Hatten & J. Kelly

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. C. Davis, A. Knappenberger,

B. Lindsay, J. Lindsay

10:45 a.m. M. McFarland, D. Rinker,

J. Bushey, K. Bushey, T. Hatten,

K. Walsh, W. Klepfer, E. Vandergriff USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott

10:45 a.m. C. McGrew

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Hendricks - B. Hendricks

B. Johnson - J. Bushey

J. Ohneck - D. Rinker

D. Kreischer - L. Brey

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Hutchinson, J. & K. Bushey

ACOLYTES

Tameka Anderson & Holly Falbe

EXTENDED SESSION LEADER

Kathy Miller

EVANGELISM CALLERS

Team I - Jim & Karen Bushey Team II - Ralph & Judy Church

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15 a.m. First Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

10:45 a.m. Second Worship

6 p.m. Creative Arts

6 p.m. Mighty Disciple Youth

6 p.m. A.B.I.L.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

12 noon D.M.A. Potluck

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

7 p.m. L.E.A.D.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

5:45 p.m. Carillon

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

9 p.m. S.S. Conference Reports at S.S.H.S.

Happy Birthday Jan. 8-14

Kim Gross (9),

Myrtle DeVinney (10),

Scott Murray (10),

Anorak Phomsoupha (10),

Deb Lehman (12), Bev Kerr (13),

Jeff Murray (13),

& John Roush (14)



SERVING DECEMBER 26 ELDERS

8:15 a.m. B. Johnson & K. Graham 10:45 a.m. B. Franklin & E. Vanderwall DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 a.m. A. Knappenberger, K. Blocher, S. Knuckles, B. Hendricks

10:45 a.m. E. Vandergriff, D. Rinker, L. Heimann, J. McGrew, G. Shirley, L. Brey, S. Brey

USHERS

8:15 a.m. J. Ott, D. Graham, C. Davis 10:45 a.m. C. McGrew, J. Anderson,

W. Bowen, B. Glasgow

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Gene & Anne Shirley

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:15 a.m. First Worship 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:45 a.m. Second Worship

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Happy Birthday Dec. 30-Jan. 7

Todd McBride(31).

Saleum Phomsoupha(1), Linda Hayes(2), Carole Davis (2), Ken Nunn (2),

Cindy Farr (3), Velma Hechler (4),

Ardith Wrisk (4), Tracy Critell (5),

Eva Rousseau (6), Suzanne Murray (6),

Sara Mullen (6), Kenneth Taylor (7)

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